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WAC 296-307-360 Electrical.

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WAC 296-307-36005 What does this part cover?

(1) Chapter 296-307 WAC Part T covers methods to protect against electrical hazards in agricultural workplaces.

(2) Chapter 296-307 WAC Part T does not cover:

- Installations in watercraft, or automotive vehicles; or
- Electric welding. (See chapter 296-307 WAC Part V.)

(3) Unless otherwise provided in this chapter all electrical work, installation, and wire capacities must be according to the National Electrical Code, NFPA 70-1973; ANSI C1-1971, and all other applicable standards administered by the department of labor and industries.

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WAC 296-307-36010 What definitions apply to this part?

The following definitions apply to this part:

"Acceptable" means an installation or equipment that is acceptable to the department and meets the requirements of this section. An installation or equipment is acceptable if:

(1) It is accepted, certified, listed, labeled, or otherwise determined to be safe by a nationally recognized testing laboratory; or

(2) For installations or equipment that no nationally recognized testing laboratory accepts, certifies, lists, labels, or determines to be safe, it is inspected or tested by another federal agency, or by state, municipal, or other local authority responsible for enforcing occupational safety provisions of the National Electrical Code, and complies with the provisions of the National Electrical Code, and complies with the provisions of the National Electrical Code as applied in this section; or

(3) For custom-made equipment or related installations that are designed, fabricated for, and intended for use by a particular customer, it is determined to be safe for its intended use by its manufacturer on the basis of test data that you keep and make available for our inspection.

"Accepted" means an installation that has been inspected and certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory to meet specified plans or procedures of applicable codes.

"Bonding jumper" means a reliable conductor that provides the correct electrical conductivity between metal parts that are required to be electrically connected.

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"Branch circuits" means the part of a wiring system extending beyond the final overcurrent device protecting the circuit. A device not approved for branch circuit protection, such as thermal cutout or motor overload protective device, is not considered as the overcurrent device protecting the circuit.

"Certified" means equipment that:

- Has been tested and found by a nationally recognized testing laboratory to meet nationally recognized standards, or to be safe for use in a specified manner; or
- Is a kind whose production is periodically inspected by a nationally recognized testing laboratory; and
- Bears a label, tag, or other record of certification.

"Exposed" means a live part that can be accidentally touched or approached nearer than a safe distance. This term applies to parts that are not suitably guarded, isolated, or insulated.

"Fixed equipment" means equipment fastened or connected by permanent wiring methods.

"Ground" means a conducting connection, whether intentional or accidental, between an electrical circuit or equipment and earth, or to some conducting body that serves in place of the earth.

"Grounded" means connected to earth or to some conducting body that serves in place of the earth.

"Isolated" means equipment that is not readily accessible except through special means of access.

"Labeled" means equipment that has an attached label, symbol, or other identifying mark of a nationally recognized testing laboratory that:

- Makes periodic inspections of the production of such equipment; and
- Whose labeling indicates compliance with nationally recognized standards or tests to determine safe use in a specified manner.

"Qualified person" means a person who is familiar with the construction and operation of the equipment and the hazards involved.

Note 1: Whether an employee is considered a "qualified person" depends on various circumstances in the workplace. It is possible and likely for an individual to be considered "qualified" with regard to certain equipment in the workplace, but "unqualified" as to other equipment.

Note 2: An employee undergoing on-the-job training and who, in the course of such training, has demonstrated an ability to perform duties safely at his or her level of training and who is under the direct supervision of a qualified person is considered a qualified person for the performance of those duties.

"Shock hazard" exists at an accessible part in a circuit between the part and ground, or other accessible parts if the potential is more than 42.4 volts peak and the current through a 1,500 ohm load is more than 5 milliamperes.

"Weatherproof" means constructed or protected so that exposure to the weather does not interfere with successful operation. Rainproof, raintight, or watertight equipment may be considered weatherproof where weather conditions other than wetness, such as snow, ice, dust, or temperature extremes, are not a factor.

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WAC 296-307-362 General electrical requirements.

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WAC 296-307-36203 What electrical equipment must be approved?

The conductors and equipment required or permitted by this section must be approved.

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WAC 296-307-36206 How must electrical equipment safety be determined?

(1) Electrical equipment must be free from hazards to employees. Safety of equipment must be determined using the following considerations:

(a) Suitability for installation and use according to the requirements of this part. Suitability of equipment for a specific purpose may be shown by listing or labeling for that purpose.

(b) Mechanical strength and durability, including, for parts designed to enclose and protect other equipment, the adequacy of the protection provided.

(c) Electrical insulation.

(d) Heating effects under conditions of use.

(e) Arcing effects.

(f) Classification by type, size, voltage, current capacity, specific use.

(g) Other factors that contribute to the practical safeguarding of employees using or likely to come in contact with the equipment.

(2) Listed or labeled equipment must be used or installed according to any instructions included in the listing or labeling.

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WAC 296-307-36209 What requirements apply to guarding live parts?

(1) Unless otherwise indicated, live parts of electric equipment operating at 50 volts or more must be guarded against accidental contact by an approved cabinet or other form of approved enclosure, or by any of the following:

(a) Location in a room, vault, or similar enclosure that is accessible only to qualified persons.

(b) Suitable permanent substantial partitions or screens arranged so that only qualified persons have access to the area within reach of the live parts. Any openings in such partitions or screens must be small enough and located so that employees are not likely to come into accidental contact with live parts or to bring conducting objects into contact with them.

(c) Location on a suitable balcony, gallery, or platform elevated and accessible only to qualified persons.

(d) Elevation of eight feet or more above the floor or other working surface.

(2) In locations where electric equipment would be exposed to physical damage, enclosures or guards must be arranged and be strong enough to prevent damage.

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(3) Entrances to rooms and other guarded locations containing exposed live parts must be marked with conspicuous warning signs forbidding unqualified persons to enter.

(4) Electrical repairs must be made only by qualified persons that you authorize.

(5) Fuse handling equipment, insulated for the circuit voltage, must be used to remove or install fuses when the fuse terminals are energized.

(6) Employees must be prohibited from working closely enough to an electric power circuit to contact it unless the employee is protected against electric shock.

Note: The circuit must be protected by deenergizing the circuit and grounding it, by guarding it, by effective insulation, or other means.

(7) In work areas where the exact location of underground electric power lines is unknown, employees using jack-hammers, bars or other hand tools that may contact a line must have insulated protective gloves.

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WAC 296-307-36212 What workspace must be provided?

(1) When parts are exposed, the minimum clearance for the workspace must be at least six feet six inches high, or at least a radius of three feet wide.

(2) There must be enough clearance to permit at least a 90° opening of all doors or hinged panels.

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WAC 296-307-36215 What general requirements apply to splices? Conductors must be spliced or joined with splicing devices suitable for the use or by brazing, welding, or soldering with a fusible metal or alloy. Soldered splices must first be spliced or joined so they are mechanically and electrically secure without solder and then soldered. (Rosin-core solder should be used instead of acid core solder when joining electrical conductors.) All splices and joints and the free ends of conductors must be covered with an insulation equivalent to that of the conductors or with an insulating device suitable for the purpose.

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WAC 296-307-36218 What protection must be provided against combustible materials? Parts of electric equipment that in ordinary operation produce arcs, sparks, flames, or molten metal must be enclosed or separated and isolated from all combustible material.

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WAC 296-307-36221 How must electrical equipment be marked? All electrical equipment in use must have the manufacturer's name, trademark, or other descriptive marking of the organization responsible for the product on the equipment. Other markings must be provided giving voltage, current, wattage, or other ratings as necessary. The marking must be durable enough to withstand the environment.

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WAC 296-307-36224 How must disconnecting means be marked? Each disconnecting means required by this part for motors and appliances must be legibly marked to indicate its purpose, unless located and arranged so the purpose is evident. Each service, feeder, and branch circuit, at its disconnecting means or overcurrent device, must be legibly marked to indicate its purpose, unless located and arranged so the purpose is evident. These markings must be durable enough to withstand the environment involved.
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WAC 296-307-36227 What access and working space must be provided for electrical equipment of 600 volts, nominal, or less? Sufficient access and working space must be provided and maintained about all electric equipment to permit ready and safe operation and maintenance of such equipment.

(1) Unless otherwise indicated, the dimension of the working space in the direction of access to live parts operating at 600 volts or less and likely to require examination, adjustment, servicing, or maintenance while alive must be at least that indicated in the table below. Also, workspace must be at least 30 inches wide in front of the electric equipment. Distances must be measured from the live parts if they are exposed, or from the enclosure front or opening if the live parts are enclosed. Concrete, brick, or tile walls are considered grounded. Working space is not required behind assemblies such as dead-front switchboards or motor control centers where there are no renewable or adjustable parts such as fuses or switches on the back and where all connections are accessible from other directions.

Working Clearances			
	Minimum clear distance for condition (ft.)		
Nominal voltage to ground	**(a)**	**(b)**	**(c)**
0-150	13	13	3
151-600	13	3 1/2	4

Conditions:

(a) Exposed live parts on one side and no live or grounded parts on the other side of the working space, or exposed live parts on both sides guarded by suitable wood or other insulating material. Insulated wire or insulated busbars operating at 300 volts or less are not considered live parts.

(b) Exposed live parts on one side and grounded parts on the other side.

(c) Exposed live parts on both sides of the workspace (not guarded as in (a)) with the operator between.

(2) Working space required by this part must not be used for storage. When normally enclosed live parts are exposed for inspection or servicing, the working space, if in a passageway or general open space, must be suitably guarded.

(3) At least one entrance of sufficient area must be provided to give access to the working space about electric equipment.

(4) Where there are live parts normally exposed on the front of switchboards or motor control centers, the working space in front of such equipment must be at least 3 feet.

(5) All working spaces around service equipment, switchboards, panelboards, and motor control centers installed indoors must be adequately lit.

(6) The minimum headroom of working spaces about service equipment, switchboards, panelboards, or motor control centers must be 6 feet 3 inches.

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"Motor control center" means an assembly of one or more enclosed sections having a common power bus and principally containing motor control units.

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WAC 296-307-36230 What access and working space must be provided for electrical equipment over 600 volts, nominal?

(1) Conductors and equipment used on circuits exceeding 600 volts, nominal, must meet all requirements of WAC 296-307-36221 and the additional requirements of this section. This section does not apply to equipment on the supply side of the service conductors.

(2) Electrical installations in a vault, room, closet or area surrounded by a wall, screen, or fence, with access controlled by lock and key or other approved means, are considered accessible to qualified persons only. A wall, screen, or fence less than 8 feet high is not considered to prevent access unless it has other features that provide a degree of isolation equivalent to an 8 foot fence. The entrances to all buildings, rooms, or enclosures containing exposed live parts or exposed conductors operating at over 600 volts, nominal, must be kept locked or under the observation of a qualified person at all times.

(a) Electrical installations with exposed live parts must be accessible to qualified persons only.

(b) Electrical installations that are open to unqualified persons must be made with metal-enclosed equipment or enclosed in a vault or in an area, with access controlled by a lock. If metal-enclosed equipment is installed so that the bottom of the enclosure is less than 8 feet above the floor, the door or cover must be kept locked. Metal-enclosed switchgear, unit substations, transformers, pull boxes, connection boxes, and other similar associated equipment must be marked with appropriate caution signs. If equipment is exposed to physical damage from vehicular traffic, guards must be provided to prevent damage. Ventilating or similar openings in metal-enclosed equipment must be designed so that foreign objects inserted through these openings will be deflected from energized parts.

(3) You must provide and maintain enough space around electric equipment to permit ready and safe operation and maintenance of equipment. Where energized parts are exposed, the minimum clear workspace must be at least 6 feet 6 inches high (measured vertically from the floor or platform), or less than 3 feet wide (measured parallel to the equipment). The depth must meet the requirements of Table T. The workspace must be adequate to permit at least a 90-degree opening of doors or hinged panels.

(a) The minimum clear working space in front of electric equipment such as switchboards, control panels, switches, circuit breakers, motor controllers, relays, and similar equipment must be at least that specified in Table T unless otherwise indicated. Distances must be measured from the live parts if they are exposed, or from the enclosure front or opening if the live parts are enclosed. However, working space is not required in back of equipment such as deadfront switchboards or control assemblies where there are no renewable or adjustable parts (such as fuses or switches) on the back and where all connections are accessible from another direction. Where rear access is required to work on deenergized parts on the back of enclosed equipment, a minimum working space of 30 inches horizontally shall be provided.

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Table T **Minimum Depth of Clear Working Space in Front of Electric Equipment**			
	Conditions (ft.)		
Nominal voltage to ground	**(a)**	**(b)**	**(c)**
601 to 2,500	3	4	5
2,501 to 9,000	4	5	6
9,001 to 25,000	5	6	9
25,001 to 75kV[1]	6	8	10
Above 75kV[1]	8	10	12

Note: Minimum depth of clear working space in front of electric equipment with a nominal voltage to ground above 25,000 volts may be the same as for 25,000 volts under conditions (a), (b) and (c) for installations built prior to April 16, 1981.

Conditions:

(a) Exposed live parts on one side and no live or grounded parts on the other side of the working space, or exposed live parts on both sides guarded by suitable wood or other insulating materials. Insulated wire or insulated busbars operating at 300 volts or less are not considered live parts.

(b) Exposed live parts on one side and grounded parts on the other side. Concrete, brick, or tile walls will be considered grounded surfaces.

(c) Exposed live parts on both sides of the workspace (not guarded as in (a)) with the operator between.

(b) All working spaces around electric equipment must be adequately lit. The lighting outlets shall be arranged so that anyone changing lamps or making repairs on the lighting system will not be endangered by live parts or other equipment. The points of control must be located so that no one is likely to come in contact with any live part or moving part of the equipment while turning on the lights.

(c) Unguarded live parts above working space must be elevated to at least the height specified below:

Elevation of Unguarded Energized Parts Above Working Space	
Nominal voltage between phases	**Minimum elevation**
601 to 7,500	8 feet 6 inches
7,501 to 35,000	9 feet
Over 35kV	9 feet + 0.37 inches per kV above 35kV

Note: Minimum elevation may be 8 feet for installations built prior to April 16, 1981, if the nominal voltage between phases is in the range of 601-6600 volts.

(4) Entrance and access to workspace must meet the following requirements:

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(a) At least one entrance that is at least 24 inches wide and 6 feet 6 inches high must be provided to give access to the working space around electric equipment. On switchboard and control panels over 48 inches wide, there must be one entrance at each end of the board where practical. Where bare energized parts at any voltage or insulated energized parts above 600 volts are located adjacent to the entrance, they must be suitably guarded.

(b) Permanent ladders or stairways must be provided to give safe access to the working space around electric equipment installed on platforms, balconies, mezzanine floors, or in attic or roof rooms or spaces.

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WAC 296-307-364 Electrical installation and maintenance.

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WAC 296-307-36403 How must flexible cords and cables be installed and maintained?

(1) Extension cords used with portable electric tools and appliances must be three wire and must be fitted with an approved grounding attachment plug and receptacle providing ground continuity.

Exception: *This does not apply to cords used with portable tools and equipment provided by an approved system of double insulation or its equivalent.*

(2) Worn or frayed electric cables are prohibited.

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WAC 296-307-36406 How must attachment plugs and receptacles be installed and maintained?

(1) Attachment plugs used in work areas must be constructed so that they will endure rough use and have a suitable cord grip to prevent strain on the terminal screws.

(2) Attachment plugs must be approved grounding plugs.

(3) Receptacles for attachment plugs must have approved concealed contacts with a contact for extending ground continuity. Receptacles must be designed and constructed to ensure that the plug can be pulled out without leaving any live parts exposed to accidental contact.

(4) Polarized attachment plugs, receptacles, and cord connectors must be wired to maintain continuity.

(5) Polarized attachment plugs, receptacles, and cord connectors for plugs and polarized plugs must have the terminal intended for connection to the grounded (white) conductor identified by a metal coating that is mostly white. If the terminal is not visible, its entrance hole must be marked with the word “white,” or the color white.

(6) The terminal for the connection of the equipment grounding conductor must be:

(a) A green colored, not easily removed terminal screw with hexagonal head; or

(b) A green colored, hexagonal, not easily removed terminal nut; or

(c) A green colored pressure wire connector.

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If the terminal for the grounding conductor is not visible, the conductor entrance hole must be marked with the word "green" or the color green.

Note: Two-wire attachment plugs, unless of the polarity type, need not have their terminals marked for identification.

(7) Where different voltages, or types of current (A.C. or D.C.) are to be supplied by portable cords, receptacles must be designed so that attachment plugs used on the circuits are not interchangeable.

(8) Attachment plugs or other connectors supplying equipment at more than 300 volts must be skirted or otherwise designed so that arcs are confined.

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WAC 296-307-36409 What must employees do when equipment causes electrical shock?

Employees must report all shocks received from electrical equipment, no matter how slight, immediately to you. The equipment causing the shock must be checked and any necessary corrective action taken immediately.

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WAC 296-307-36412 What grounding and bonding requirements apply to equipment installation and maintenance?

(1) The path to ground must have enough carrying capacity to conduct safely the currents likely to be imposed on it; and have low enough impedance to limit the potential above ground and to result in the operation of the overcurrent devices in the circuit.

(2) Driven rod electrodes must, where practical, have a resistance to ground of a maximum of 25 ohms. Where the resistance is over 25 ohms, two electrodes connected in parallel shall be used.

(3) Grounding circuits must be checked to ensure that the circuit between the ground and the grounded power conductor has a resistance that is low enough to permit sufficient current to flow to cause the fuse or circuit breaker to interrupt the current.

(4) Conductors used for bonding and grounding equipment must be large enough to carry the anticipated current.

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WAC 296-307-36415 What requirements apply to disconnecting means?

(1) Disconnecting means must be located or shielded so that employees will not be injured. Using open knife switches is prohibited.

(2) Boxes for disconnecting means must be securely and rigidly fastened to the surface upon which they are mounted, and fitted with covers.

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WAC 296-307-36418 What requirements apply to identification and load rating of electrical equipment?

(1) Name plates, rating data, and marks of identification on electrical equipment and electrically operated machines must not be removed, defaced or obliterated.

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(2) In existing installations, no changes in circuit protection must be made to increase the load beyond the load rating of the circuit wiring, as specified in the National Electrical Code, NFPA 70-1973; ANSI C1-1972, Article 310.

(3) Tampering with, bridging, or using oversize fuses is prohibited. If fuses blow repeatedly, employees must immediately report the trouble to you or to an authorized electrician.

(4) Attempting to start electric motors that kick out repeatedly is prohibited.

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WAC 296-307-36421 How must equipment be installed in wet locations?

(1) Cabinets, cutout boxes, fittings, boxes, and panelboard enclosures in damp or wet locations must be installed to prevent moisture or water from entering and accumulating within the enclosures. In wet locations the enclosures must be weatherproof.

(2) Switches, circuit breakers, and switchboards installed in wet locations must be enclosed in weatherproof enclosures.

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WAC 296-307-366 Wiring design and protection.

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WAC 296-307-36603 How must grounded and grounding conductors be used and identified?

(1) A conductor used as a grounded conductor must be identified separately from all other conductors. A conductor used as an equipment grounding conductor must be identified separately from all other conductors.

(2) A grounded conductor must not be attached to any terminal or lead to reverse the designated polarity.

(3) Using a grounding terminal or grounding-type device on a receptacle, cord connector, or attachment plug for anything other than grounding is prohibited.

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WAC 296-307-36606 What ampere rating must outlet devices have? Outlet devices must have an ampere rating at least equal to the load served.

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WAC 296-307-36609 What requirements apply to conductors? This section applies to branch circuit, feeder, and service conductors rated 600 volts, nominal, or less and run outdoors as open conductors.

(1) Conductors supported on poles must provide a horizontal climbing space of at least the following:

(a) For power conductors below communication conductors, 30 inches.

(b) For power conductors alone or above communication conductors:

- 300 volts or less, 24 inches;
- More than 300 volts, 30 inches.

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(c) For communication conductors below power conductors with power conductors of:

- 300 volts or less, 24 inches;
- More than 300 volts, 30 inches.

(2) Open conductors must provide at least the following minimum clearances:

(a) 10 feet, above finished grade, sidewalks, or from any platform or projection from which they might be reached;

(b) 12 feet, over areas subject to vehicular traffic other than truck traffic;

(c) 15 feet, over areas that are subject to truck traffic; except

(d) 18 feet, over public streets, alleys, roads, and driveways.

(3) Conductors must have a clearance of at least 3 feet from windows, doors, porches, fire escapes, or similar locations. Conductors run above the top level of a window are considered to be out of reach from that window and, therefore, do not have to be 3 feet away.

(4) Conductors must have a clearance of at least 8 feet from the highest point of roofs they pass over.

Exceptions:

(a) Where the voltage between conductors is 300 volts or less and the roof has a slope of at least 4 inches in 12, the clearance from the roofs must be at least 3 feet; or

(b) Where the voltage between conductors is 300 volts or less, the conductors do not pass over more than 4 feet of the overhang portion of the roof, and they are terminated at a through-the-roof raceway or approved support, the clearance from the roofs must be at least 18 inches.

(5) Lamps for outdoor lighting must be located below all live conductors, transformers, or other electric equipment, unless such equipment is controlled by a disconnecting means that can be locked in the open position or unless adequate clearances or other safeguards are provided for relamping operations.

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WAC 296-307-36612 What design and protection requirements apply to service-entrances?

(1) Disconnecting means for service-entrances must meet the following requirements:

(a) Means must be provided to disconnect all conductors in a building or other structure from the service-entrance conductors. The disconnecting means must plainly indicate whether it is in the open or closed position and must be installed at a readily accessible location nearest the point of entrance of the service-entrance conductors.

(b) Each service disconnecting means must disconnect all ungrounded conductors at the same time.

(2) The following additional requirements apply to services over 600 volts, nominal.

(a) Service-entrance conductors installed as open wires must be guarded to make them accessible only to qualified persons.

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(b) Signs warning of high voltage must be posted where other than qualified employees might come in contact with live parts.

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WAC 296-307-36615 What overcurrent protection must be provided?

(1) The following requirements apply to overcurrent protection of circuits rated 600 volts, nominal, or less.

(a) Conductors and equipment must be protected from overcurrent according to their ability to safely conduct current.

(b) Except for motor running overload protection, overcurrent devices must not interrupt the continuity of the grounded conductor unless all conductors of the circuit are opened at the same time.

(c) Except for service fuses, all cartridge fuses that are accessible to other than qualified persons and all fuses and thermal cutouts on circuits over 150 volts to ground must have disconnecting means. This disconnecting means must be installed so that the fuse or thermal cutout can be disconnected from its supply without disrupting service to equipment and circuits unrelated to those protected by the overcurrent device.

(d) Overcurrent devices must be readily accessible to each employee or authorized building management personnel. These overcurrent devices must be located where they will be protected against physical damage and away from easily ignitable material.

(e) Fuses and circuit breakers must be located or shielded so that employees will not be burned or otherwise injured by their operation.

(f) Circuit breakers must meet the following requirements:

(i) Circuit breakers must clearly indicate whether they are in the open (off) or closed (on) position.

(ii) Where circuit breaker handles on switchboards are operated vertically rather than horizontally or rotationally, the up position of the handle must be the closed (on) position.

(iii) If used as switches in 120-volt, fluorescent lighting circuits, circuit breakers must be approved for the purpose and marked "SWD."

(2) Feeders and branch circuits over 600 volts, nominal, must have short-circuit protection.

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WAC 296-307-36618 What premises wiring systems must be grounded? The following systems that supply premises wiring must be grounded:

(1) All 3-wire DC systems must have their neutral conductor grounded.

(2) Two-wire DC systems operating at 50-300 volts between conductors must be grounded.

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Exceptions: *This requirement does not apply if:*

(a) They supply only industrial equipment in limited areas and are equipped with a ground detector; or

(b) They are rectifier-derived from an AC system that meets the requirements of subsections (3), (4), and (5) of this section; or

(c) They are fire-protective signaling circuits with a maximum current of 0.030 amperes.

(3) AC circuits of less than 50 volts must be grounded if they are installed as overhead conductors outside of buildings or if they are supplied by transformers and the transformer primary supply system is ungrounded or exceeds 150 volts to ground.

(4) AC systems of 50-1000 volts must be grounded under any of the following conditions:

(a) If the system can be grounded so that the maximum voltage to ground on the ungrounded conductors is a maximum of 150 volts;

(b) If the system is nominally rated 480Y/277 volt, 3-phase, 4-wire in which the neutral is used as a circuit conductor;

(c) If the system is nominally rated 240/120 volt, 3-phase, 4-wire in which the midpoint of one phase is used as a circuit conductor; or

(d) If a service conductor is uninsulated.

(5) Exceptions: AC systems of 50-1000 volts are not required to be grounded under any of the following conditions:

(a) If the system is used exclusively to supply industrial electric furnaces for melting, refining, tempering, and the like.

(b) If the system is separately derived and is used exclusively for rectifiers supplying only adjustable speed industrial drives.

(c) If the system is separately derived and is supplied by a transformer that has a primary voltage rating less than 1000 volts, if all of the following conditions are met:

(i) The system is used exclusively for control circuits;

(ii) The conditions of maintenance and supervision ensure that only qualified persons will service the installation;

(iii) Continuity of control power is required; and

(iv) Ground detectors are installed on the control system.

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WAC 296-307-36621 Must the conductor be grounded for AC premises wiring? For AC premises wiring systems the identified conductor must be grounded.

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WAC 296-307-36624 What general requirements apply to grounding conductors?

(1) For a grounded system, a grounding electrode conductor must be used to connect both the equipment grounding conductor and the grounded circuit conductor to the grounding electrode. Both the equipment grounding conductor and the grounding electrode conductor must be connected to the grounded circuit conductor on the supply side of the service disconnecting means, or on the supply side of the system disconnecting means or overcurrent devices if the system is separately derived.

(2) For an ungrounded service-supplied system, the equipment grounding conductor must be connected to the grounding electrode conductor at the service equipment. For an ungrounded separately derived system, the equipment grounding conductor must be connected to the grounding electrode conductor at, or ahead of, the system disconnecting means or overcurrent devices.

(3) On extensions of existing branch circuits that do not have an equipment grounding conductor, grounding-type receptacles may be grounded to a grounded cold water pipe near the equipment.

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WAC 296-307-36627 Must the path to ground be continuous? The path to ground from circuits, equipment, and enclosures must be permanent and continuous.

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WAC 296-307-36630 What supports, enclosures, and equipment must be grounded?

(1) Metal cable trays, metal raceways, and metal enclosures for conductors must be grounded.

Exceptions:

(a) Metal enclosures such as sleeves that are used to protect cable assemblies from physical damage need not be grounded; or

(b) Metal enclosures for conductors added to existing installations of open wire, knob-and-tube wiring, and nonmetallic-sheathed cable need not be grounded if all of the following conditions are met:

(i) Runs are less than 25 feet;

(ii) Enclosures are free from probable contact with ground, grounded metal, metal laths, or other conductive materials; and

(iii) Enclosures are guarded against employee contact.

(2) Metal enclosures for service equipment must be grounded.

(3) Frames of electric ranges, wall-mounted ovens, counter-mounted cooking units, clothes dryers, and metal outlet or junction boxes that are part of the circuit for these appliances must be grounded.

(4) Exposed noncurrent-carrying metal parts of fixed equipment that may become energized must be grounded under any of the following conditions:

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(a) If within 8 feet vertically or 5 feet horizontally of ground or grounded metal objects and subject to employee contact;

(b) If located in a wet or damp location and not isolated;

(c) If in electrical contact with metal;

(d) If in a hazardous (classified) location;

(e) If supplied by a metal-clad, metal-sheathed, or grounded metal raceway wiring method;

(f) If equipment operates with any terminal at over 150 volts to the ground; however, the following need not be grounded:

(i) Enclosures for switches or circuit breakers used for other than service equipment and accessible to qualified persons only;

(ii) Metal frames of electrically heated appliances that are permanently and effectively insulated from ground; and

(iii) The cases of distribution apparatus such as transformers and capacitors mounted on wooden poles that are over 8 feet above ground or grade level.

(5) Under any of the conditions below, exposed noncurrent-carrying metal parts of cord-connected and plug-connected equipment that may become energized must be grounded.

(a) When equipment is in hazardous (classified) locations.

(b) When equipment is operated at over 150 volts to ground.

Exception: *Guarded motors and metal frames of electrically heated appliances need not be grounded if the appliance frames are permanently and effectively insulated from ground.*

(c) When equipment is one of the following:

- Refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners;
- Clothes-washing, clothes-drying and dishwashing machines, sump pumps, and electrical aquarium equipment;
- Hand-held motor-operated tools;
- The following motor-operated appliances: Hedge clippers, lawn mowers, snow blowers, and wet scrubbers;
- Cord-connected and plug-connected appliances used in damp or wet locations or by employees standing on the ground or on metal floors or working inside of metal tanks or boilers;
- Tools likely to be used in wet and conductive locations; and
- Portable hand lamps.

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Tools likely to be used in wet and conductive locations need not be grounded if supplied through an isolating transformer with an ungrounded secondary of a maximum of 50 volts. Listed or labeled portable tools and appliances protected by an approved system of double insulation, or its equivalent, need not be grounded. The equipment must be distinctively marked to indicate that the tool or appliance uses an approved system of double insulation.

(6) The metal parts of the following nonelectrical equipment must be grounded: Frames and tracks of electrically operated cranes; frames of nonelectrically driven elevator cars to which electric conductors are attached; hand operated metal shifting ropes or cables of electric elevators, and metal partitions, grill work, and other metal enclosures around equipment of over 750 volts between conductors.

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WAC 296-307-36633 How must fixed equipment be grounded?

(1) Noncurrent-carrying metal parts of fixed equipment, if required to be grounded by this section, must be grounded by an equipment grounding conductor that is contained within the same raceway, cable, or cord, or runs with or encloses the circuit conductors. For DC circuits only, the equipment grounding conductor may be run separately from the circuit conductors.

(2) Electric equipment is considered grounded if it is secured to, and in electrical contact with, a metal rack or structure that is provided for its support and the metal rack or structure is grounded as described above.

For installations made before May 30, 1982, electric equipment is also considered grounded if it is secured to, and in metallic contact with, the grounded structural metal frame of a building. Metal car frames supported by metal hoisting cables attached to or running over metal sheaves or drums of grounded elevator machines are also considered grounded.

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WAC 296-307-36636 How must high voltage systems be grounded? Grounded high voltage (1000 volts or more) systems and circuits must meet all requirements of WAC 296-307-366 and the additional requirements of this section.

(1) Systems supplying portable or mobile high voltage equipment, other than substations installed on a temporary basis, must meet the following requirements:

(a) Portable and mobile high voltage equipment must be supplied from a system having its neutral grounded through an impedance. If a delta-connected high voltage system is used to supply the equipment, a system neutral must be derived.

(b) Exposed noncurrent-carrying metal parts of portable and mobile equipment must be connected by an equipment grounding conductor to the point at which the system neutral impedance is grounded.

(c) Ground-fault detection and relaying must be provided to automatically deenergize any high voltage system component that has developed a ground fault. The continuity of the equipment grounding conductor must be continuously monitored to deenergize automatically the high voltage feeder to the portable equipment on loss of continuity of the equipment grounding conductor.

(d) The grounding electrode to which the portable or mobile equipment system neutral impedance is connected must be isolated from and separated in the ground by at least 20 feet from any other system or equipment grounding electrode. There must be no direct connection between the grounding electrodes, such as buried pipe, fence, etc.

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(2) All noncurrent-carrying metal parts of portable equipment and fixed equipment including their associated fences, housings, enclosures, and supporting structures shall be grounded. However, equipment that is guarded by location and isolated from ground need not be grounded. Additionally, pole-mounted distribution apparatus over 8 feet above ground or grade level need not be grounded.

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WAC 296-307-368 Wiring methods, components, and equipment for general use.

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WAC 296-307-36803 Does this section apply to factory-assembled equipment? WAC 296-307-368 does not apply to conductors that are an integral part of factory-assembled equipment.

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WAC 296-307-36806 What wiring methods must be used for temporary wiring? Temporary electrical power and lighting wiring methods may be of a class less than would be required for a permanent installation. All requirements for permanent wiring apply to temporary wiring installations, except as indicated in this section.

(1) Temporary electrical power and lighting installations 600 volts, nominal, or less must only be used:

(a) During and for remodeling, maintenance, repair, or demolition of buildings, structures, or equipment, and similar activities;

(b) For experimental or development work; and

(c) For a maximum of 90 days for Christmas lighting and similar purposes.

(2) Temporary wiring over 600 volts, nominal, must only be used during periods of tests, experiments, or emergencies.

(3) General requirements for temporary wiring.

(a) Working spaces, walkways, and similar locations must be kept clear of power cords.

(b) All temporary wiring must be grounded. (See NFPA 70 Art. 250.)

(c) All wiring equipment must be maintained as vapor-tight, dust-tight, or fiber-tight as their approval requires. There must be no loose or missing screws, gaskets, threaded connections, or other conditions that impair the required tightness.

(d) Take precautions to make necessary open wiring accessible only to authorized personnel.

(e) Feeders must originate in an approved distribution center. The conductors must be run as multiconductor cord or cable assemblies, or, where not subject to physical damage, they may be run as open conductors on insulators not more than 10 feet apart.

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(f) Branch circuits must originate in an approved power outlet or panelboard. Conductors must be multiconductor cord or cable assemblies or open conductors. If run as open conductors they must be fastened at ceiling height every 10 feet. A branch-circuit conductor must not be laid on the floor. Each branch circuit that supplies receptacles or fixed equipment must have a separate equipment grounding conductor if run as open conductors.

(g) Receptacles must be of the grounding type. Unless installed in a complete metallic raceway, each branch circuit must have a separate equipment grounding conductor and all receptacles must be electrically connected to the grounding conductor.

(h) A bare conductor or an earth return must not be used to wire any temporary circuit.

(i) Suitable disconnecting switches or plug connectors must be installed to permit the disconnection of all ungrounded conductors of each temporary circuit.

(j) Lamps for general illumination must be protected from accidental contact or breakage. Lamps must be elevated at least 7 feet from normal working surface or by a suitable fixture or lampholder with a guard.

(k) Flexible cords and cables must be protected from accidental damage. Sharp corners and projections must be avoided. Where passing through doorways or other pinch points, flexible cords and cables must be protected to avoid damage.

(4) General requirements for temporary lighting.

(a) Temporary lights must have guards to prevent accidental contact with the bulb.

Note: Guards are not required when the entire bulb is below the rim and completely surrounded and protected by the reflector.

(b) Temporary lights must have heavy duty electric cords with connections and insulation maintained in safe condition.

(c) Temporary lights must not be suspended by their electric cords unless cords and lights are designed for suspension.

(d) Brass shell, paper-lined lamp holders are prohibited.

(e) Portable extension lamps used where flammable vapors or gases, combustible dusts, or easily ignitable fibers or flyings are present, must be specifically approved as complete assemblies for the type of hazard.

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WAC 296-307-36809 When may cable trays be used?

(1) Only the following may be installed in cable tray systems.

(a) Mineral-insulated metal-sheathed cable (Type MI);

(b) Armored cable (Type AC);

(c) Metal-clad cable (Type MC);

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(d) Power-limited tray cable (Type PLTC);

(e) Nonmetallic-sheathed cable (Type NM or NMC);

(f) Shielded nonmetallic-sheathed cable (Type SNM);

(g) Multiconductor service-entrance cable (Type SE or USE);

(h) Multiconductor underground feeder and branch-circuit cable (Type UF);

(i) Power and control tray cable (Type TC);

(j) Other factory-assembled, multiconductor control, signal, or power cables that are specifically approved for installation in cable trays; or

(k) Any approved conduit or raceway with its contained conductors.

(2) In industrial establishments only, where conditions of maintenance and supervision ensure that only qualified persons will service the installed cable tray system, the following cables may also be installed in ladder, ventilated trough, or 4 inch ventilated channel-type cable trays:

Single conductor cables that are 250 MCM or larger and are Types RHH, RHW, MV, USE, or THW, and other 250 MCM or larger single conductor cables if specifically approved for installation in cable trays. Where exposed to direct rays of the sun, cables must be sunlight-resistant.

(3) Cable trays in hazardous (classified) locations must contain only the cable types permitted in such locations.

Exception: *Cable tray systems must not be used in hoistways or where subjected to severe physical damage.*

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WAC 296-307-36812 What requirements apply to open wiring on insulators?

(1) Open wiring on insulators is only permitted on systems of 600 volts, nominal, or less for industrial or agricultural establishments and for services.

(2) Conductors must be rigidly supported on noncombustible, nonabsorbent insulating materials and must not contact any other objects.

(3) In dry locations with no exposure to severe physical damage, conductors may be separately enclosed in flexible nonmetallic tubing. The tubing must be in continuous lengths a maximum of 15 feet and secured to the surface by straps at maximum intervals of 4 feet 6 inches.

(4) Open conductors must be separated from contact with walls, floors, and wood cross members, or partitions through which they pass by tubes or bushings of noncombustible, nonabsorbent insulating material. If the bushing is shorter than the hole, a waterproof sleeve of nonconductive material must be inserted in the hole and an insulating bushing slipped into the sleeve at each end to keep the conductors completely out of contact with the sleeve. Each conductor must be carried through a separate tube or sleeve.

(5) Conductors within 7 feet of the floor are considered exposed to physical damage. Where open conductors cross ceiling joints and wall studs and are exposed to physical damage, they must be protected.

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WAC 296-307-36815 What wiring requirements apply to cabinets, boxes, and fittings?

(1) Conductors entering boxes, cabinets, or fittings must be protected from abrasion, and openings through which conductors enter must be closed. Unused openings in cabinets, boxes, and fittings must also be closed.

(2) All pull boxes, junction boxes, and fittings must have covers approved for the purpose. All metal covers must be grounded. In completed installations each outlet box must have a cover, faceplate, or fixture canopy. A cover of an outlet box with holes through which a flexible cord pendant passes must have bushings designed for the purpose or have a smooth, well-rounded surface for the cord to run on.

(3) All pull and junction boxes for systems over 600 volts, nominal, must meet the following requirements:

(a) Boxes must provide a complete enclosure for the contained conductors or cables.

(b) Boxes must be closed by suitable covers securely fastened in place. Underground box covers that weigh over 100 pounds meet this requirement. Covers for boxes must be permanently marked "HIGH VOLTAGE." The marking must be on the outside of the box cover and must be readily visible and legible.

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WAC 296-307-36818 What requirements apply to switches?

(1) Single-throw knife switches must be connected so that the blades are dead when the switch is in the open position. Single-throw knife switches must be placed so that gravity will not tend to close them. Single-throw knife switches approved for use in the inverted position must have a locking device that keeps the blades open when set. Double-throw knife switches may be mounted so that the throw will be either vertical or horizontal. However, if the throw is vertical a locking device must be provided to ensure that the blades remain open when so set.

(2) Flush snap switches that are mounted in ungrounded metal boxes and located within reach of conducting floors or other conducting surfaces must have faceplates of nonconducting, noncombustible material.

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WAC 296-307-36821 Where must switchboards and panelboards be located? Switchboards that have any exposed live parts must be located in permanently dry locations and accessible only to qualified persons. Panelboards must be mounted in cabinets, cutout boxes, or enclosures approved for the purpose and must be dead front. However, panelboards other than the dead front externally operable type are permitted where accessible only to qualified persons. Exposed blades of knife switches must be dead when open.

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WAC 296-307-36824 When must conductors be insulated? All conductors used for general wiring must be insulated unless otherwise permitted in this section. The conductor insulation must be approved for the voltage, operating temperature, and location of use. Insulated conductors must be distinguishable by appropriate color or other means as grounded conductors, ungrounded conductors, or equipment grounding conductors.

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WAC 296-307-36827 When may flexible cords and cables be used?

(1) Flexible cords and cables must be approved and suitable for conditions of use and location. Flexible cords and cables must be used only for:

(a) Pendants;

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(b) Wiring of fixtures;

(c) Connection of portable lamps or appliances;

(d) Elevator cables;

(e) Wiring of cranes and hoists;

(f) Connection of stationary equipment to facilitate frequent interchange;

(g) Prevention of the transmission of noise or vibration;

(h) Appliances where the fastening means and mechanical connections are designed to permit removal for maintenance and repair; or

(i) Data processing cables approved as a part of the data processing system.

(2) If used as permitted above, the flexible cord must have an attachment plug and shall be energized from an approved receptacle outlet.

(3) Unless permitted in subsection (1) of this section, flexible cords and cables must not be used:

(a) As a substitute for the fixed wiring of a structure;

(b) Where run through holes in walls, ceilings, or floors;

(c) Where run through doorways, windows, or similar openings;

(d) Where attached to building surfaces; or

(e) Where concealed behind building walls, ceilings, or floors.

(4) Flexible cords used in show windows and showcases must be Type S, SO, SJ, SJO, ST, STO, SJT, SJTO, or AFS except for the wiring of chain-supported lighting fixtures and supply cords for portable lamps and other merchandise being displayed or exhibited.

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WAC 296-307-36830 How must flexible cords and cables be identified, spliced, and terminated?

(1) A conductor of a flexible cord or cable that is used as a grounded conductor or an equipment grounding conductor must be distinguishable from other conductors. Types SJ, SJO, SJT, SJTO, S, SO, ST, and STO must be durably marked on the surface with the type designation, size, and number of conductors.

(2) Flexible cords must be used only in continuous lengths without splice or tap. Vulcanized splices or equivalent means such as systems using shrinkable materials may be used to repair flexible cords. Hard service flexible cords No. 12 or larger may be repaired by splice if the splice retains the insulation, outer sheath properties, and usage characteristics of the cord being spliced.

(3) Flexible cords must be connected to devices and fittings so that strain relief is provided to prevent pull from being directly transmitted to joints or terminal screws.

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WAC 296-307-36833 What requirements apply to multiconductor portable cable? Multiconductor portable cable for use in supplying power to portable or mobile equipment at over 600 volts, nominal, must consist of No. 8 or larger conductors employing flexible stranding. Cables operated at over 2,000 volts must be shielded to confine the voltage stresses to the insulation. Grounding conductors must be provided. Connectors for these cables must be locking with provisions to prevent their opening or closing while energized. Strain relief must be provided at connections and terminations. Portable cables must not be operated with splices unless the splices are permanent molded, vulcanized, or other approved type. Termination enclosures must be suitably marked with a high voltage hazard warning, and terminations must be accessible only to authorized and qualified personnel.
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WAC 296-307-36836 When may fixture wires be used?

(1) A fixture wire must be approved for the voltage, temperature, and location of use. A fixture wire used as a grounded conductor must be identified.

(2) Fixture wires may be used:

(a) For installation in lighting fixtures and in similar equipment where enclosed or protected and not subject to bending or twisting in use; or

(b) For connecting lighting fixtures to the branch-circuit conductors supplying the fixtures.

(3) Fixture wires must not be used as branch-circuit conductors except as permitted for Class 1 power limited circuits.

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WAC 296-307-36839 What requirements apply to wiring for lighting fixtures, lampholders, lamps, and receptacles?

(1) Fixtures, lampholders, lamps, rosettes, and receptacles must have no live parts normally exposed to employee contact. However, rosettes and cleat-type lampholders and receptacles located at least 8 feet above the floor may have exposed parts.

(2) Handlamps of the portable type supplied through flexible cords must have a handle of molded composition or other material approved for the purpose, and a substantial guard must be attached to the lampholder or the handle.

(3) Lampholders of the screw-shell type must be installed for use as lampholders only. Lampholders installed in wet or damp locations must be weatherproof.

(4) Fixtures installed in wet or damp locations must be approved for the purpose and must be constructed or installed so that water cannot enter or accumulate in wireways, lampholders, or other electrical parts.

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WAC 296-307-36842 What requirements apply to wiring for receptacles, cord connectors, and attachment plugs (caps)?

(1) Receptacles, cord connectors, and attachment plugs must be constructed so that no receptacle or cord connector will accept an attachment plug with a different voltage or current rating than that for which the device is intended. However, a 20-ampere T-slot receptacle or cord connector may accept a 15-ampere attachment plug of the same voltage rating.

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(2) A receptacle installed in a wet or damp location must be suitable for the location.

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WAC 296-307-36845 What requirements apply to wiring for appliances?

(1) Appliances, other than those in which the current-carrying parts at high temperatures are necessarily exposed, must have no live parts normally exposed to employee contact.

(2) Each appliance must have a disconnecting means.

(3) Each appliance must be marked with its rating in volts and amperes or volts and watts.

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WAC 296-307-36848 What requirements apply to wiring for motors, motor circuits, and controllers?

(1) If specified that one piece of equipment must be "in sight from" another piece of equipment, one shall be visible and not more than 50 feet from the other.

(2) Disconnecting means must meet the following requirements:

(a) A disconnecting means must be located in sight from the controller location. However, a single disconnecting means may be located adjacent to a group of coordinated controllers mounted adjacent to each other or a multimotor continuous process machine. The controller disconnecting means for motor branch circuits over 600 volts, nominal, may be out of sight of the controller, if the controller is marked with a warning label giving the location and identification of the disconnecting means which is to be locked in the open position.

(b) The disconnecting means must disconnect the motor and the controller from all ungrounded supply conductors and must be designed so that no pole can be operated independently.

(c) If a motor and the driven machinery are not in sight from the controller location, the installation must meet one of the following conditions:

(i) The controller disconnecting means must be able to be locked in the open position.

(ii) A manually operable switch that will disconnect the motor from its source of supply must be placed in sight from the motor location.

(d) The disconnecting means must plainly indicate whether it is in the open (off) or closed (on) position.

(e) The disconnecting means must be readily accessible. If more than one disconnect is provided for the same equipment, only one need be readily accessible.

(f) An individual disconnecting means must be provided for each motor, but a single disconnecting means may be used for a group of motors under any of the following conditions:

(i) If a number of motors drive special parts of a single machine or piece of apparatus, such as a metal or woodworking machine, crane, or hoist; or

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(ii) If a group of motors is under the protection of one set of branch-circuit protective devices; or

(iii) If a group of motors is in a single room in sight from the location of the disconnecting means.

(3) Motors, motor-control apparatus, and motor branch-circuit conductors must be protected against overheating from motor overloads or failure to start, and against short-circuits or ground faults. Overload protection is not required if it will stop a motor where a shutdown is likely to introduce additional or increased hazards, as in the case of fire pumps, or where continued operation of a motor is necessary for a safe shutdown of equipment or process and motor overload sensing devices are connected to a supervised alarm.

(4) Live parts of all voltages must be protected according to the following:

(a) Stationary motors with commutators, collectors, and brush rigging located inside of motor end brackets and not conductively connected to supply circuits operating at more than 150 volts to ground may have those parts unguarded. Exposed live parts of motors and controllers operating at 50 volts or more between terminals must be guarded against accidental contact by any of the following:

(i) By installation in a room or enclosure that is accessible only to qualified persons;

(ii) By installation on a suitable balcony, gallery, or platform, elevated and arranged to exclude unqualified persons; or

(iii) By elevation 8 feet or more above the floor.

(b) Where live parts of motors or controllers operating at over 150 volts to ground are guarded against accidental contact only by location, and where adjustment or other attendance may be necessary during the operation of the apparatus, suitable insulating mats or platforms must be provided so that the attendant cannot readily touch live parts unless standing on the mats or platforms.

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WAC 296-307-36851 What requirements apply to wiring for transformers?

(1) This section applies to the installation of all transformers.

Exceptions:

(a) Current transformers;

(b) Dry-type transformers installed as a component part of other apparatus;

(c) Transformers that are an integral part of a high frequency or electrostatic-coating apparatus;

(d) Transformers used with Class 2 and Class 3 circuits, sign and outline lighting, electric discharge lighting, and power-limited fire-protective signaling circuits; and

(e) Liquid-filled or dry-type transformers used for research, development, or testing, where effective safeguard arrangements are provided.

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(2) The operating voltage of exposed live parts of transformer installations must be indicated by warning signs or visible markings on the equipment or structure.

(3) Dry-type, high fire point liquid-insulated, and askarel-insulated transformers installed indoors and rated over 35kV must be in a vault.

(4) If they present a fire hazard to employees, oil-insulated transformers installed indoors must be in a vault.

(5) Combustible material, combustible buildings and parts of buildings, fire escapes, and door and window openings must be safeguarded from fires that may originate in oil-insulated transformers attached or adjacent to a building or combustible material.

(6) Transformer vaults must be constructed to contain fire and combustible liquids within the vault and to prevent unauthorized access. Locks and latches must be arranged so that a vault door can be readily opened from the inside.

(7) Any pipe or duct system foreign to the vault installation must not enter or pass through a transformer vault.

(8) Materials must not be stored in transformer vaults.

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WAC 296-307-36854 What requirements apply to wiring for capacitors?

(1) All capacitors, except surge capacitors or capacitors included as a component part of other apparatus, must have an automatic means of draining the stored charge after the capacitor is disconnected from its source of supply.

(2) Capacitors rated over 600 volts, nominal, must meet the following additional requirements:

(a) Isolating or disconnecting switches (with no interrupting rating) must be interlocked with the load interrupting device or must have prominently displayed caution signs to prevent switching load current.

(b) For series capacitors, the proper switching must be ensured by any of the following:

(i) Mechanically sequenced isolating and bypass switches;

(ii) Interlocks; or

(iii) Switching procedure prominently displayed at the switching location.

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WAC 296-307-36857 How must storage batteries be ventilated? You must ensure that there is sufficient diffusion and ventilation of gases from storage batteries to prevent the accumulation of explosive mixtures.

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WAC 296-307-36860 What other miscellaneous requirements apply to wiring methods?

(1) Metal raceways, cable armor, and other metal enclosures for conductors must be metallically joined into a continuous electric conductor and must be connected to all boxes, fittings, and cabinets to provide effective electrical continuity.

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(2) All wiring systems are prohibited from being installed in ducts used to transport dust, loose stock or flammable vapors. All wiring system are prohibited from being installed in any duct used for vapor removal or for ventilation of commercial-type cooking equipment, or in any shaft containing only such ducts.

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WAC 296-307-370 Special purpose equipment and installations.

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WAC 296-307-37003 What requirements apply to cranes, hoists, and runways? The installation of electric equipment and wiring used with cranes, monorail hoists, hoists, and all runways must meet the following requirements:

(1) Disconnecting means must meet the following requirements:

(a) A readily accessible disconnecting means is provided between the runway contact conductors and the power supply.

(b) Another disconnecting means, capable of being locked in the open position, is provided in the leads from the runway contact conductors or other power supply on any crane or monorail hoist.

(i) If this additional disconnection means is not readily accessible from the crane or monorail hoist operating station, means is provided at the operating station, to open the power circuit to all motors of the crane or monorail hoist.

(ii) The additional disconnect may be omitted if a monorail hoist or hand-propelled crane bridge installation meets all of the following:

(A) The unit is floor controlled;

(B) The unit is within view of the power supply disconnecting means; and

(C) No fixed work platform has been provided for servicing the unit.

(2) A limit switch or other device shall be provided to prevent the load block from passing the safe upper limit of travel of any hoisting mechanism.

(3) The dimension of the working space in the direction of access to live parts that may require examination, adjustment, servicing, or maintenance while alive must be a minimum of 2 feet 6 inches. Where controls are enclosed in cabinets, the door must either open at least 90 degrees or be removable.

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WAC 296-307-37006 What requirements apply to elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, and moving walks?

(1) Elevators, dumbwaiters, escalators, and moving walks must have a single means for disconnecting all ungrounded main power supply conductors for each unit.

(2) If interconnections between control panels are necessary for operation of the system on a multicar installation that remains energized from a source other than the disconnecting means, a warning sign must be mounted on or adjacent to the disconnecting means. The sign must be clearly legible and shall read "Warning-Parts of the control panel are not deenergized by this switch."

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(3) If control panels are not located in the same space as the drive machine, they must be located in cabinets with doors or panels capable of being locked closed.

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WAC 296-307-37009 What requirements apply to the disconnecting means for electric welders?

(1) A disconnecting means must be provided in the supply circuit for each motor-generator arc welder, and for each AC transformer and DC rectifier arc welder that is not equipped with a disconnect mounted as an integral part of the welder.

(2) A switch or circuit breaker must be provided by which each resistance welder and its control equipment can be isolated from the supply circuit. The ampere rating of this disconnecting means must not be less than the supply conductor ampacity.

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WAC 296-307-37012 What requirements apply to electrically driven or controlled irrigation machines?

(1) If an electrically driven or controlled irrigation machine has a stationary point, a driven ground rod must be connected to the machine at the stationary point for lightning protection.

(2) The main disconnecting means for a center pivot irrigation machine must be located at the point of connection of electrical power to the machine and must be readily accessible and capable of being locked in the open position. A disconnecting means must be provided for each motor and controller.

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WAC 296-307-372 Hazardous (classified) locations.

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WAC 296-307-37203 What does this section cover? WAC 296-307-372 covers the requirements for electric equipment and wiring in locations that are classified based on the properties of the flammable vapors, liquids or gases, or combustible dusts or fibers that may be present and the likelihood that a flammable combustible concentration or quantity is present. Each room, section, or area must be considered individually to determine its classification.

All requirements in this part apply to hazardous locations, unless otherwise indicated.

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WAC 296-307-37206 What classifications apply to this section? These hazardous locations are classified as follows:

(1) **"Class I locations"** are those in which flammable gases or vapors are or may be present in the air in quantities sufficient to produce explosive or ignitable mixtures. They include the following:

(a) Class I, Division 1 locations are those where:

(i) Hazardous concentrations of flammable gases or vapors may exist under normal operating conditions; or

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(ii) Hazardous concentrations of such gases or vapors may exist frequently because of repair or maintenance operations or because of leakage; or

(iii) Breakdown or faulty operation of equipment or processes might release hazardous concentrations of flammable gases or vapors, and might also cause simultaneous failure of electric equipment.

This classification usually includes locations where:

- Volatile flammable liquids or liquefied flammable gases are transferred from one container to another;
- Interiors of spray booths and areas in the vicinity of spraying and painting operations where volatile flammable solvents are used;
- Locations containing open tanks or vats of volatile flammable liquids;
- Drying rooms or compartments for the evaporation of flammable solvents;
- Locations containing fat and oil extraction equipment using volatile flammable solvents;
- Gas generator rooms and other portions of gas manufacturing plants where flammable gas may escape;
- Inadequately ventilated pump rooms for flammable gas or for volatile flammable liquids;
- The interiors of refrigerators and freezers in which volatile flammable materials are stored in open, lightly stoppered, or easily ruptured containers; and
- All other locations where ignitable concentrations of flammable vapors or gases are likely to occur in the course of normal operations.

(b) Class I, Division 2 locations are those where:

(i) Volatile flammable liquids or flammable gases are handled, processed, or used, but in which the hazardous liquids, vapors, or gases are normally confined within closed containers or systems from which they can escape only in an accidental rupture or breakdown of containers or systems, or in case of abnormal operation of equipment; or

(ii) Hazardous concentrations of gases or vapors are normally prevented by positive mechanical ventilation, and which might become hazardous through failure or abnormal operation of the ventilating equipment; or

(iii) They are adjacent to a Class I, Division 1 location, and to which hazardous concentrations of gases or vapors might occasionally be communicated unless prevented by adequate positive-pressure ventilation from a source of clean air, and effective safeguards against ventilation failure are provided.

This classification usually includes locations where:

- Volatile flammable liquids or flammable gases or vapors are used, but which would become hazardous only in case of an accident or unusual operating condition. The quantity of flammable material that might escape in case of accident, the adequacy of ventilating equipment, the total area involved, and the record of the industry or business with respect to explosions or fires are all factors to consider in determining the classification.

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- Piping without valves, checks, meters, and similar devices would not ordinarily introduce a hazardous condition even though used for flammable liquids or gases. Locations used for the storage of flammable liquids or a liquefied or compressed gases in sealed containers are not normally considered hazardous unless also subject to other hazardous conditions.
- Electrical conduits and their enclosures separated from process fluids by a single seal or barrier are Division 2 locations if the outside of the conduit and enclosures is a nonhazardous location.

(2) **"Class II locations"** are those that are hazardous because of the presence of combustible dust. They include the following:

(a) Class II, Division 1 locations are those where:

(i) Combustible dust is or may be suspended in the air under normal operating conditions, in quantities sufficient to produce explosives or ignitable mixtures; or

(ii) Mechanical failure or abnormal operation of machinery or equipment might produce explosive or ignitable, and might also provide a source of ignition through simultaneous failure of electric equipment, operation of protection devices, or from other causes; or

(iii) Combustible dusts of an electrically conductive nature may be present.

This classification may include areas of grain handling and processing plants, starch plants, sugar-pulverizing plants, malting plants, hay-grinding plants, coal pulverizing plants, areas where metal dusts and powders are produced or processed, and other similar locations that contain dust producing machinery and equipment (except where the equipment is dust-tight or vented to the outside). These areas would have combustible dust in the air, under normal operating conditions, in quantities sufficient to produce explosive or ignitable mixtures.

Combustible dusts that are electrically nonconductive include dusts produced in the handling and processing of grain and grain products, pulverized sugar and cocoa, dried egg and milk powders, pulverized spices, starch and pastes, potato and wood flour, oil meal from beans and seed, dried hay, and other organic materials that may produce combustible dusts when processed or handled. Dusts containing magnesium or aluminum are particularly hazardous and the use of extreme caution is necessary to avoid ignition and explosion.

(b) Class II, Division 2 location are those where:

(i) Combustible dust is not normally suspended in the air in quantities sufficient to produce explosive or ignitable mixtures; and dust accumulations are normally insufficient to interfere with the normal operation of electrical equipment or other apparatus; or

(ii) Dust may be in suspension in the air as a result of infrequent malfunctioning of handling or processing equipment, and resulting dust accumulations may be ignitable by abnormal operation or failure of electrical equipment or other apparatus.

This classification includes locations where dangerous concentrations of suspended dust would not be likely but where dust accumulations might form on or in the vicinity of electric equipment. These areas may contain equipment from which appreciable quantities of dust would escape under abnormal operating conditions or be adjacent to a Class II Division 1 location into which an explosive or ignitable concentration of dust may be suspended under abnormal operating conditions.

(3) **"Class III locations"** are those that are hazardous because of the presence of easily ignitable fibers or flyings but in which such fibers or flyings are not likely to be suspended in the air in quantities sufficient to produce ignitable mixtures. They include the following:

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(a) Class III, Division 1 locations are those where easily ignitable fibers or materials producing combustible flyings are handled, manufactured, or used.

Such locations usually include combustible fiber manufacturing and processing plants; cotton gins and cottonseed mills; flax-processing plants; and industries involving similar hazardous processes or conditions.

Easily ignitable fibers and flyings include rayon, cotton (including cotton linters and cotton waste), sisal or henequen, istle, jute, hemp, tow, cocoa fiber, oakum, baled waste kapok, Spanish moss, excelsior, and other materials of similar nature.

(b) Class III, Division 2 locations are those where easily ignitable fibers are stored or handled, except in process of manufacture.

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WAC 296-307-37209 What equipment, wiring methods, and installations may be used in hazardous locations? Equipment, wiring methods, and installations of equipment in hazardous locations must be intrinsically safe, or approved for the hazardous location, or safe for the hazardous location. Requirements for each of these options are as follows:

(1) Equipment and associated wiring approved as intrinsically safe are permitted in any hazardous location for which it is approved.

(2) Requirements to be approved for the hazardous location:

(a) Equipment must be approved for the class of location and for the ignitable or combustible properties of the specific gas, vapor, dust, or fiber that will be present.

(b) Equipment must be marked to show the class, group, and operating temperature or temperature range, based on operation in a 40 degrees C ambient, for which it is approved. The temperature marking must be a maximum of the ignition temperature of the specific gas or vapor to be encountered. The following provisions apply to specific equipment:

(i) Nonheat-producing equipment, such as junction boxes, conduit, and fittings, and heat-producing equipment with a maximum temperature of 100 degrees C (212 degrees F) need not have a marked operating temperature or temperature range.

(ii) Fixed lighting fixtures marked for use in Class I, Division 2 locations only, need not be marked to indicate the group.

(iii) Fixed general-purpose equipment in Class I locations (other than lighting fixtures) that is acceptable for use in Class I, Division 2 locations need not be marked with the class, group, division, or operating temperature.

(iv) Fixed dust-tight equipment (other than lighting fixtures) that is acceptable for use in Class II, Division 2 and Class III locations need not be marked with the class, group, division, or operating temperature.

(3) Equipment that is safe for the location shall be of a type and design that provides protection from the hazards arising from combustible and flammable vapors, liquids, gases, dusts, or fibers.

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Note: Equipment that meets the requirements of The National Electrical Code, NFPA 70, shall be considered in compliance with the requirements of WAC 296-307-372.

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WAC 296-307-37212 How must conduit be installed in hazardous locations? All conduits must be threaded and wrench-tight. Where it is impractical to make a threaded joint tight, a bonding jumper must be used.

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WAC 296-307-37215 Which equipment may be used in Division 1 and 2 locations? Equipment that has been approved for a Division 1 location may be installed in a Division 2 location of the same class and group. General-purpose equipment or equipment in general-purpose enclosures may be installed in Division 2 locations if the equipment does not constitute a source of ignition under normal operating conditions.

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WAC 296-307-37218 What requirements apply to motors and generators used in hazardous locations? In Class I, Division 1 locations, motors, generators and other rotating electric machinery must be:

(1) Approved for Class I, Division 1 locations (explosion-proof); or

(2) Of the totally enclosed type supplied with positive-pressure ventilation from a source of clean air with discharge to a safe area, arranged to prevent energizing of the machine until ventilation has been established and the enclosure has been purged with at least 10 volumes of air, and also arranged to automatically deenergize the equipment when the air supply fails; or

(3) Of the totally enclosed inert-gas-filled type supplied with a suitable reliable source of inert gas for pressuring the enclosure, with devices provided to ensure a positive pressure in the enclosure and arranged to automatically deenergize the equipment when the gas supply fails; or

(4) Of a type designed to be submerged in a liquid that is flammable only when vaporized and mixed with air, or in a gas or vapor at a pressure greater than atmospheric and which is flammable only when mixed with air; and the machine is arranged to prevent energizing it until it has been purged with the liquid or gas to exclude air, and also arranged to automatically deenergize the equipment when the supply of liquid, or gas or vapor fails or the pressure is reduced to atmospheric.

Totally enclosed type (2) and (3) motors must have no external surface with a Celsius operating temperature greater than 80% of the ignition temperature of the gas or vapor involved, as determined by ASTM test procedure (Designation: D-2155-69). Appropriate devices must be provided to detect an increase in temperature of the motor beyond design limits and automatically deenergize the equipment or provide an adequate alarm. Auxiliary equipment must be approved for the location in which it is installed.

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WAC 296-307-374 Special systems.

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WAC 296-307-37403 What requirements apply to systems over 600 volts, nominal?

(1) Wiring methods for fixed installations over 600 volts, nominal, must meet the following requirements:

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(a) Above-ground conductors must be installed in rigid metal conduit, in intermediate metal conduit, in cable trays, in cablebus, in other suitable raceways, or as open runs of metal-clad cable suitable for the use and purpose. Open runs of nonmetallic-sheathed cable or of bare conductors or busbars must be installed in locations accessible only to qualified persons. Metallic shielding components, such as tapes, wires, or braids for conductors, must be grounded. Open runs of insulated wires and cables with a bare lead sheath or a braided outer covering must be supported to prevent physical damage to the braid or sheath.

(b) Conductors emerging from the ground must be enclosed in approved raceways.

(2) Interrupting and isolating devices must meet the following requirements:

(a) Circuit breaker installations located indoors must consist of metal-enclosed units or fire-resistant cell-mounted units. Circuit breakers must be open mounted only in locations that are accessible only to qualified persons. A means of indicating the open and closed position of circuit breakers must be provided.

(b) Fused cutouts installed in buildings or transformer vaults must be approved for the purpose. They must be readily accessible for fuse replacement.

(c) A means must be provided to completely isolate equipment for inspection and repairs. Isolating means that are not designed to interrupt the load current of the circuit must be either interlocked with an approved circuit interrupter or provided with a sign warning against opening them under load.

(3) Mobile and portable equipment must meet the following requirements:

(a) A metallic enclosure must be provided on the mobile machine for enclosing the terminals of the power cable. The enclosure must include provisions for a solid connection for the ground wire terminal to effectively ground the machine frame. The method of cable termination used must prevent any strain or pull on the cable from stressing the electrical connections. The enclosure must be lockable so only authorized qualified persons may open it and must be marked with a sign warning of the presence of energized parts.

(b) All energized switching and control parts must be enclosed in grounded metal cabinets or enclosures. Circuit breakers and protective equipment must have the operating means projecting through the metal cabinet or enclosure so these units can be reset without opening locked doors. Enclosures and metal cabinets must be locked so that only authorized qualified persons have access and must be marked with a sign warning of the presence of energized parts. Collector ring assemblies on revolving machines (shovels, draglines, etc.,) must be guarded.

(4) Tunnel installations of high-voltage power distribution and utilization equipment that is portable or mobile, such as substations, trailers, cars, mobile shovels, draglines, hoists, drills, dredges, compressors, pumps, conveyors, and underground excavators must meet the following requirements:

(a) Conductors in tunnels must be installed in one or more of the following:

(i) Metal conduit or other metal raceway;

(ii) Type MC cable; or

(iii) Other approved multiconductor cable.

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Conductors must also be located or guarded to protect them from physical damage. Multiconductor portable cable may supply mobile equipment. An equipment grounding conductor must be run with circuit conductors inside the metal raceway or inside the multiconductor cable jacket. The equipment grounding conductor may be insulated or bare.

(b) Bare terminals of transformers, switches, motor controllers, and other equipment must be enclosed to prevent accidental contact with energized parts. Enclosures used in tunnels must be drip-proof, weatherproof, or submersible as required by environmental conditions.

(c) A disconnecting means that simultaneously opens all ungrounded conductors must be installed at each transformer or motor location.

(d) All nonenergized metal parts of electric equipment and metal raceways and cable sheaths must be effectively grounded and bonded to all metal pipes and rails at the portal and at maximum intervals of 1000 feet throughout the tunnel.

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WAC 296-307-37406 What requirements apply to emergency power systems? This section applies to circuits, systems, and equipment intended to supply power for illumination and special loads, in the event of failure of the normal supply.

(1) Emergency circuit wiring must be kept entirely independent of all other wiring and equipment and must not enter the same raceway, cable, box, or cabinet as other wiring.

Exception: *This does not apply where common circuit elements suitable for the purpose are required, or for transferring power from the normal to the emergency source.*

(2) Where emergency lighting is necessary, the system must be arranged so that the failure of any individual lighting element, such as a burned out light bulb, cannot leave any space in total darkness.

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WAC 296-307-37409 How are Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 remote control, signaling, and power-limited circuits classified?

(1) Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3 remote control, signaling, or power-limited circuits are characterized by their usage and electrical power limitation which differentiates them from light and power circuits. These circuits are classified according to their voltage and power limitations as follows.

(a) Class 1 circuits.

(i) A Class 1 power-limited circuit is supplied from a source with a maximum rated output of 30 volts and 1000 volt-amperes.

(ii) A Class 1 remote control circuit or a Class 1 signaling circuit has a maximum voltage of 600 volts; however, the power output of the source need not be limited.

(b) Class 2 and Class 3 circuits.

(i) Power for Class 2 and Class 3 circuits is limited either inherently (in which no overcurrent protection is required) or by a combination of a power source and overcurrent protection.

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(ii) The maximum circuit voltage is 150 volts AC or DC for a Class 2 inherently limited power source, and 100 volts AC or DC for a Class 3 inherently limited power source.

(iii) The maximum circuit voltage is 30 volts AC and 60 volts DC for a Class 2 power source limited by overcurrent protection, and 150 volts AC or DC for a Class 3 power source limited by overcurrent protection.

(c) The maximum circuit voltages in (a) and (b) of this subsection apply to sinusoidal AC or continuous DC power sources, and where wet contact is unlikely.

(2) A Class 2 or Class 3 power supply unit must be durably and visibly marked to indicate the class of supply and its electrical rating.

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WAC 296-307-37412 What requirements apply to fire protective signaling systems?

(1) Fire protective signaling circuits must be classified either as nonpower limited or power limited.

(2) The power sources for use with fire protective signaling circuits must be either power limited or nonlimited as follows:

(a) The power supply of nonpower-limited fire protective signaling circuits must have a maximum output voltage of 600 volts.

(b) The power for power-limited fire protective signaling circuits must be either inherently limited, in which no overcurrent protection is required, or limited by a combination of power source and overcurrent protection.

(3) Nonpower-limited fire protective signaling circuits and Class 1 circuits may occupy the same enclosure, cable, or raceway if all conductors are insulated for maximum voltage of any conductor within the enclosure, cable or raceway. Power supply and fire protective signaling circuit conductors are permitted in the same enclosure, cable, or raceway only if connected to the same equipment.

(4) Where open conductors are installed, power-limited fire protective signaling circuits must be separated at least 2 inches from conductors of any light, power, Class 1, and nonpower-limited fire protective signaling circuits unless using a special and equally protective method of conductor separation. Cables and conductors of two or more power-limited fire protective signaling circuits or Class 3 circuits are permitted in the same cable, enclosure, or raceway. Conductors of one or more Class 2 circuits are permitted within the same cable, enclosure, or raceway with conductors of power-limited fire protective signaling circuits if the insulation of Class 2 circuit conductors in the cable, enclosure, or raceway is at least that needed for the power-limited fire protective signaling circuits.

(5) Fire protective signaling circuits must be identified at terminal and junction locations in a manner that will prevent unintentional interference with the signaling circuit during testing and servicing. Power-limited fire protective signaling circuits must be visibly and durably marked at terminations.

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WAC 296-307-376 Working on or near exposed energized parts.

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WAC 296-307-37603 What does this section cover? WAC 296-307-376 applies to work performed on exposed live parts (involving either direct contact or contact by means of tools or materials) or near enough to them for employees to be exposed to any hazard they present.
[Statutory Authority: Chapter 49.17.040 RCW. 98-24-096 (Order 98-13), § 296-307-37603, filed 12/01/98, effective 03/01/99. [Recodified as § 296-307-37603. 97-09-013, filed 4/7/97, effective 4/7/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.040, [49.17.]050 and [49.17.]060. 96-22-048, § 296-306A-37603, filed 10/31/96, effective 12/1/96.]

WAC 296-307-37606 Who may work on energized parts? Only qualified persons may work on electric circuit parts of equipment that have not been deenergized under the procedures of WAC 296-307-37807. Qualified persons must be capable of working safely on energized circuits and must be familiar with the proper use of special precautionary techniques, personal protective equipment, insulating and shielding materials, and insulated tools.
[Statutory Authority: Chapter 49.17.040 RCW. 98-24-096 (Order 98-13), § 296-307-37606, filed 12/01/98, effective 03/01/99. [Recodified as § 296-307-37606. 97-09-013, filed 4/7/97, effective 4/7/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.040, [49.17.]050 and [49.17.]060. 96-22-048, § 296-306A-37606, filed 10/31/96, effective 12/1/96.]

WAC 296-307-37609 What requirements apply to working near low voltage lines? When employees are working near energized electrical service conductors operating at 750 volts or less, employees must work in a manner to prevent contact with the energized conductors.
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WAC 296-307-37612 What requirements apply to qualified persons working near overhead lines? When a qualified person is working near overhead lines, whether in an elevated position or on the ground, the person must not approach, or take any conductive object without an approved insulating handle, closer to exposed energized parts than shown in WAC 296-307-150 unless:

(1) The person is insulated from the energized part (gloves, with sleeves if necessary, rated for the voltage involved are considered to be insulation of the person from the energized part on which work is performed); or

(2) The energized part is insulated both from all other conductive objects at a different potential and from the person; or

(3) The person is insulated from all conductive objects at a potential different from that of the energized part.
[Statutory Authority: Chapter 49.17.040 RCW. 98-24-096 (Order 98-13), § 296-307-37612, filed 12/01/98, effective 03/01/99. [Recodified as § 296-307-37612. 97-09-013, filed 4/7/97, effective 4/7/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.040, [49.17.]050 and [49.17.]060. 96-22-048, § 296-306A-37612, filed 10/31/96, effective 12/1/96.]

WAC 296-307-37615 What requirements apply to vehicles and mechanical equipment near overhead lines?

(1) Any vehicle or mechanical equipment that may have parts of its structure elevated near energized overhead lines must be operated so that a clearance of 10 ft. is maintained. If the voltage is higher than 50kV, the clearance must be increased 0.4 inch for every 1kV over the voltage. The clearance may be reduced only if:

(a) The vehicle is in transit with its structure lowered, the clearance may be reduced to 4 ft. If the voltage is higher than 50kV, the clearance must be increased 0.4 inch for every 1kV over that voltage.

(b) Insulating barriers are installed to prevent contact with the lines, and if the barriers are rated for the voltage of the line being guarded and are not a part of or an attachment to the vehicle or its raised structure, the clearance may be reduced to a distance within the designed working dimensions of the insulating barrier.

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(2) If the equipment is an aerial lift insulated for the voltage involved, and if the work is performed by a qualified person, the clearance (between the uninsulated portion of the aerial lift and the power line) may be reduced to the distance given in WAC 296-307-150.

(3) Employees standing on the ground must not contact the vehicle or mechanical equipment or any of its attachments, unless:

(a) The employee is using protective equipment rated for the voltage; or

(b) The equipment is located so that no uninsulated part of its structure (that portion of the structure that provides a conductive path to employees on the ground) can come closer to the line than permitted in this section.

(4) If any vehicle or mechanical equipment that may have parts of its structure elevated near energized overhead lines is intentionally grounded, employees working on the ground near the point of grounding must not stand at the grounding location whenever there is a possibility of overhead line contact. Additional precautions, such as the use of barricades or insulation, must be taken to protect employees from hazardous ground potentials, depending on earth resistivity and fault currents, which can develop within the first few feet or more outward from the grounding point.

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WAC 296-307-37618 What lighting must be provided for employees working near exposed energized parts?

(1) Employees must not enter spaces containing exposed energized parts, unless lighting is provided that enables the employees to perform the work safely.

(2) Where lack of lighting or an obstruction prevents an employee from seeing the work to be performed, employees must not perform tasks near exposed energized parts. Employees shall not reach blindly into areas that may contain energized parts.

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WAC 296-307-37621 What requirements apply to working near exposed energized parts in confined spaces?

(1) For working in a confined or enclosed space (such as a manhole or vault) that contains exposed energized parts, the employer shall provide, and the employee must use, protective shields, protective barriers, or insulating materials that are necessary to avoid contact with these parts. Doors, hinged panels, and the like must be secured to prevent swinging into an employee and causing the employee to contact exposed energized parts.

(2) Conductive materials and equipment that are in contact with any part of an employee's body shall be handled in a manner that will prevent them from contacting exposed energized conductors or circuit parts. If an employee handles long conductive objects (such as ducts and pipes) in areas with exposed live parts, you must institute work practices (such as the use of insulation, guarding, and material handling techniques) that will minimize the hazard.

(3) Portable ladders must have nonconductive siderails if they are used where the employee or the ladder could contact exposed energized parts.

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(4) Conductive articles of jewelry and clothing shall not be worn if they might contact exposed energized parts.

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WAC 296-307-37624 What housekeeping requirements apply to working near exposed energized parts?

(1) Where live parts present an electrical contact hazard, employees must not perform housekeeping duties near enough to the parts that there is a possibility of contact, unless adequate safeguards (such as insulating equipment or barriers) are provided.

(2) Electrically conductive cleaning materials (including conductive solids such as steel wool, metalized cloth, and silicon carbide, as well as conductive liquid solutions) must not be used in proximity to energized parts unless procedures are followed that will prevent electrical contact.

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WAC 296-307-37627 Who may defeat an electrical safety interlock? Only a qualified person following the requirements of this section may defeat an electrical safety interlock, and then only temporarily while he or she is working on the equipment. The interlock system must be returned to its operable condition when this work is completed.

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WAC 296-307-378 Safety-related work practices.

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WAC 296-307-37801 What does this section cover?

(1) WAC 296-307-376 and 296-307-378 cover electrical safety-related work practices for both qualified persons (those who have training in avoiding the electrical hazards of working on or near exposed energized parts) and unqualified persons (those with little or no such training) working on, near, or with the following installations:

(a) Installations of electric conductors and equipment within or on buildings or other structures, and on other premises such as yards, parking, and other lots, and industrial substations;

(b) Installations of conductors that connect to the supply of electricity;

(c) Installations of other outside conductors on the premises; and

(d) Installations of optical fiber cable where such installations are made along with electric conductors.

(2) WAC 296-307-367 and 296-307-378 cover work performed by unqualified persons on, near, or with the installations listed in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) WAC 296-307-376 and 296-307-378 do not apply to work performed by qualified persons on or directly associated with the following installations:

(a) Installations for the generation, control, transformation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy (including communication and metering) located in buildings used for such purposes or located outdoors.

WAC 296-307-37801 (Cont.)

Work on or directly associated with generation, transmission, or distribution installations includes:

(i) Work performed directly on installations, such as repairing distribution lines or repairing a feed-water pump for the boiler in a generating plant.

(ii) Work directly associated with installations, such as line-clearance tree trimming and replacing utility poles.

(iii) Work on electric utilization circuits in a generating plant where:

- The circuits are combined with installations of power generation equipment or circuits; and
- The generation equipment or circuits present greater electrical hazards than those posed by the utilization equipment or circuits (such as exposure to higher voltages or lack of overcurrent protection).

(b) Installations in watercraft, railway rolling stock, aircraft, or automotive vehicles other than mobile homes and recreational vehicles.

(c) Installations of railways for generation, transformation, transmission, or distribution of power used exclusively for operation of rolling stock or installations of railways used exclusively for signaling and communication purposes.

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WAC 296-307-37803 How must employees be trained on safety practices?

(1) The training requirements in this section apply to employees who face a risk of electrical shock that is not reduced to a safe level by the electrical installation requirements of WAC 296-307-362 through 296-307-374.

(2) Training contents must include the following:

(a) Employees must be trained in and familiar with the safety-related work practices required by WAC 296-307-376 through 296-307-378 that apply to their job assignments.

(b) Employees who are covered by this section but who are not qualified persons must also be trained in and familiar with any electrically related safety practices that are not covered by this standard, but that are necessary for their safety.

(c) Qualified persons must, at a minimum, be trained in and familiar with the following:

(i) The skills and techniques necessary to distinguish exposed live parts from other parts of electric equipment;

(ii) The skills and techniques necessary to determine the nominal voltage of exposed live parts; and

(iii) The clearance distance specified in WAC 296-307-376 and the corresponding voltages to which the qualified person will be exposed.

Note 1: For the purposes of WAC 296-307-376 and 296-307-378, an employee must have the training required for a qualified person in order to be considered a qualified person.

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Note 2: Qualified persons whose work on energized equipment involves either direct contact or contact by means of tools or materials must also have the training needed to meet WAC 296-307-376.

(3) You must provide either classroom or on-the-job training. The degree of training provided must be determined by the risk to the employee.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 49.17.040 RCW. 98-24-096 (Order 98-13), § 296-307-37803, filed 12/01/98, effective 03/01/99. [Recodified as § 296-307-37803. 97-09-013, filed 4/7/97, effective 4/7/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.040, [49.17.]050 and [49.17.]060. 96-22-048, § 296-306A-37803, filed 10/31/96, effective 12/1/96.]

WAC 296-307-37805 How must safety-related work practices be chosen and used? Safety-related work practices must be used to prevent electric shock or other injuries resulting from either direct or indirect electrical contacts, when work is performed near or on equipment or circuits that are or may be energized. The specific safety-related work practices must be consistent with the nature and extent of the associated electrical hazards.

(1) When an employee may be exposed to live parts, they must be deenergized before the employee works on or near them, unless deenergizing introduces other hazards or is infeasible due to equipment design or operational limitations. Live parts that operate at less than 50 volts to ground need not be deenergized if there will be no increased exposure to electrical burns or to explosion due to electric arcs.

Note 1: Examples of other hazards include deactivation of emergency alarm systems, shutdown of hazardous location ventilation equipment, or removal of illumination for an area.

Note 2: An example of work that may be performed on or near energized circuit parts because of unfeasibility due to equipment design or operational limitations is testing of electric circuits that can only be performed with the circuit energized.

(2) If the exposed live parts are not deenergized (for reasons of increased or additional hazards or unfeasibility), other safety-related work practices must be used to protect employees who may be exposed to the electrical hazards involved. Such work practices must protect employees against contact with energized circuit parts directly with any part of their body or indirectly through some other conductive object. The work practices must be suitable for the voltage level of the exposed electric conductors or circuit parts.

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WAC 296-307-37807 What work practices must be followed for work on exposed deenergized parts?

(1) This section applies to work on exposed deenergized parts or near enough to them to expose the employee to any electrical hazard they present. Conductors and parts of electric equipment that have been deenergized but have not been locked out or tagged must be treated as energized parts, and WAC 296-307-376 applies to work on or near them.

(2) While any employee is exposed to contact with parts of fixed electric equipment or circuits which have been deenergized, the circuits energizing the parts must be locked out or tagged or both according to the requirements of this section. The requirements must be followed in the order in which they are presented.

"Fixed equipment" means equipment that is fastened or connected by permanent wiring methods.

Note: Lockout and tagging procedures that comply with WAC 296-307-320 will also be deemed to comply with WAC 296-307-37807 through 296-307-37817 if:

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- *The procedures address the electrical safety hazards covered by this part; and*
- *The procedures include the requirements of WAC 296-307-37813(4) and 296-307-37815(2).*

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 49.17.040 RCW. 98-24-096 (Order 98-13), § 296-307-37807, filed 12/01/98, effective 03/01/99. Recodified as § 296-307-37807. 97-09013, filed 4/7/97, effective 4/7/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.040, [49.17]050 and [49.17]060. 96-22-048, § 296-306A-37807, filed 10/31/96, effective 12/1/96.]

WAC 296-307-37809 Must an employer have a written copy of lockout-tagout procedures? The employer must maintain a written copy of the procedures outlined in WAC 296-307-37807 through 296-307-37817 and must make it available for inspection by us or by employees.

The written procedures may be in the form of a copy of WAC 296-307-37807 through 296-307-37817**.**

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 49.17.040 RCW. 98-24-096 (Order 98-13), § 296-307-37809, filed 12/01/98, effective 03/01/99. [Recodified as § 296-307-37809. 97-09-013, filed 4/7/97, effective 4/7/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.040, [49.17.]050 and [49.17.]060. 96-22-048, § 296-306A-37809, filed 10/31/96, effective 12/1/96.]

WAC 296-307-37811 What work practices must be followed for deenergizing equipment?

(1) Safe procedures for deenergizing circuits and equipment must be determined before circuits or equipment are deenergized.

(2) The circuits and equipment to be worked on must be disconnected from all electric energy sources. Control circuit devices, such as push buttons, selector switches, and interlocks, must not be used as the sole means for deenergizing circuits or equipment. Interlocks for electric equipment must not be used as a substitute for lockout and tagging procedures.

(3) Stored electric energy which might endanger employees must be released. Capacitors must be discharged and high capacitance elements must be short-circuited and grounded, if the stored electric energy might endanger employees.

Note: Capacitors or associated equipment handled in meeting this requirement must be treated as energized.

(4) Stored nonelectrical energy in devices that could reenergize electric circuit parts must be blocked or relieved to the extent that the circuit parts could not be accidentally energized by the device.

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WAC 296-307-37813 How must locks and tags be applied?

(1) A lock and a tag must be placed on each disconnecting means used to deenergize circuits and equipment on which work is to be performed, except as provided in subsections (3) and (5) of this section. The lock must be attached to prevent anyone from operating the disconnecting means unless they resort to undue force or the use of tools.

(2) Each tag must have a statement prohibiting unauthorized operation of the disconnecting means and removal of the tag.

(3) If a lock cannot be applied, or if tagging procedures will provide a level of safety equivalent to that obtained by the use of a lock, a tag may be used without a lock.

(4) A tag used without a lock must be supplemented by at least one additional safety measure that provides a level of safety equivalent to that obtained by the use of a lock. Examples of additional safety measures include the removal of an isolating circuit element, blocking of a controlling switch, or opening of an extra disconnecting device.

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(5) A lock may be placed without a tag only under the following conditions:

(a) Only one circuit or piece of equipment is deenergized; and

(b) The lockout period does not extend beyond the work shifts; and

(c) Employees exposed to the hazards associated with reenergizing the circuit or equipment are familiar with this procedure.

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WAC 296-307-37815 What work practices must be followed to verify deenergization? The requirements of this section must be met before any circuits or equipment can be considered and worked as deenergized.

(1) A qualified person must operate the equipment operating controls or otherwise verify that the equipment cannot be restarted.

(2) A qualified person must use test equipment to test the circuit elements and electrical parts of equipment to which employees will be exposed and shall verify that the circuit elements and equipment parts are deenergized. The test must also determine if any energized conditions exists as a result of inadvertently induced voltage or unrelated voltage backfeed even though specific parts of the circuit have been deenergized and presumed to be safe. If the circuit to be tested is over 600 volts, nominal, the test equipment must be checked for proper operation immediately before and immediately after this test.

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WAC 296-307-37817 What work practices must be followed when reenergizing equipment? These requirements must be met, in the order given, before circuits or equipment are reenergized, even temporarily.

(1) A qualified person must conduct tests and visual inspections as necessary to verify that all tools, electrical jumpers, shorts, grounds, and other devices have been removed, so that the circuits and equipment can be safely energized.

(2) Employees exposed to the hazards associated with reenergizing the circuit or equipment must be warned to stay clear of circuits and equipment.

(3) Each lock and tag must be removed by the employee who applied it or under his or her direct supervision. However, if this employee is absent from the workplace, then the lock or tag must be removed by a qualified person designated to perform this task if:

(a) The employer ensures that the employee who applied the lock or tag is not available at the workplace; and

(b) The employer ensures that the employee is aware that the lock or tag has been removed before resuming work at that workplace.

(4) There shall be a visual determination that all employees are clear of the circuits and equipment.

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WAC 296-307-37819 What safety-related work practices relate to portable electric equipment? This section applies to using cord-connected and plug-connected equipment, including flexible cord sets (extension cords).

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(1) Portable equipment must be handled in a manner that will not cause damage. Flexible electric cords connected to equipment must not be used for raising or lowering the equipment. Flexible cords must not be fastened with staples or otherwise hung in a way that could damage the outer jacket or insulation.

(2) Visual inspection requirements:

(a) Portable cord-connected and plug-connected equipment and flexible cord sets must be visually inspected before use on any shift for external defects (such as loose parts, deformed and missing pins, or damage to outer jackets or insulation) and for evidence of possible internal damage (such as pinched or crushed outer jacket). Cord-connected and plug-connected equipment and flexible cord sets that remain connected once they are in place and are not exposed to damage need not be visually inspected until they are relocated.

(b) If there is a defect or evidence of damage that might expose an employee to injury, the defective or damaged items must be removed from service, and no employee shall use it until repairs and tests necessary to render the equipment safe have been made.

(c) When an attachment plug is to be connected to a receptacle (including any on a cord set), the relationship of the plug and receptacle contacts must first be checked to ensure they are of proper mating configurations.

(3) Requirements for grounding-type equipment:

(a) A flexible cord used with grounding-type equipment must contain an equipment grounding conductor.

(b) Attachment plugs and receptacles must not be connected or altered in a manner that would prevent proper continuity of the equipment grounding conductor at the point where plugs are attached to receptacles. These devices must not be altered to allow the grounding pole of a plug to be inserted into slots intended for connection to the current-carrying conductors.

(c) Adapters that interrupt the continuity of the equipment grounding connection are prohibited.

(4) Portable electric equipment and flexible cords used in highly conductive work locations, or in locations where employees are likely to contact water or conductive liquids, must be approved for those locations.

(5) Connecting attachment plugs.

(a) Employees' hands must not be wet when plugging and unplugging flexible cords and cord-connected and plug-connected equipment, if energized equipment is involved.

(b) Energized plug and receptacle connections must be handled only with insulating protective equipment if the condition of the connection could provide a conducting path to the employee's hand. For example: If a cord connector is wet from being immersed in water.

(c) Locking-type connectors must be properly secured after connection.

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WAC 296-307-37821 What safety-related work practices relate to electric power and lighting circuits?

(1) Load rated switches, circuit breakers, or other devices specifically designed as disconnecting means must be used for the opening, reversing, or closing of circuits under load conditions. Any cable connectors other than the load-break type, fuses, terminal lugs, and cable splice connections are prohibited for such purposes, except in an emergency.

(2) After a circuit is deenergized by a circuit protective device, the circuit must not be manually reenergized until it has been determined that the equipment and circuit can be safety energized. This repetitive manual reclosing of circuit breakers or reenergizing circuits through replaced fuses is prohibited.

Note: When it can be determined from the design of the circuit and the overcurrent devices involved that the automatic operation of a device was caused by an overload rather than a fault connection, no examination of the circuit or connected equipment is needed before the circuit is reenergized.

(3) Overcurrent protection of circuits and conductors must not be modified, even on a temporary basis, beyond that allowed by this part for the installation safety requirements for overcurrent protection.

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WAC 296-307-37823 What safety-related work practices relate to test instruments and equipment?

(1) Only qualified persons may perform testing work on electric circuits or equipment.

(2) Test instruments and equipment and all associated test leads, cables, power cords, probes, and connectors must be visually inspected for external defects and damage before the equipment is used. If there is a defect or evidence of damage that might expose an employee to injury, the defective or damaged item must be removed from service, and no employee may use it until necessary repairs and tests to render the equipment safe have been made.

(3) Test instruments and equipment and their accessories must be rated for the circuits and equipment to which they will be connected and must be designed for the environment in which they will be used.

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WAC 296-307-37825 What safety-related work practices relate to flammable materials? Where flammable materials are present only occasionally, electric equipment capable of igniting them must not be used, unless measures are taken to prevent hazardous conditions from developing.

Such materials include, but are not limited to: flammable gases, vapors, or liquids; combustible dust; and ignitable fibers or flyings.

Note: Electrical installation requirements for locations where flammable materials are present on a regular basis are contained in WAC 296-307-372.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 49.17.040 RCW. 98-24-096 (Order 98-13), § 296-307-37825, filed 12/01/98, effective 03/01/99. [Recodified as § 296-307-37825. 97-09-013, filed 4/7/97, effective 4/7/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.040, [49.17.]050 and [49.17.]060. 96-22-048, § 296-306A-37825, filed 10/31/96, effective 12/1/96.]

WAC 296-307-380 Electrical protective equipment.

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WAC 296-307-38003 How must protective equipment be used?

(1) Employees working in the areas where there are potential electrical hazards must have and use electrical protective equipment that is appropriate for the specific parts of the body to be protected and for the work to be performed.

(2) If the insulating capability of protective equipment may be subject to damage during use, the insulating material must be protected.

For example: An outer covering of leather is sometimes used to protect rubber insulating material.

(3) Employees must wear nonconductive head protection wherever there is a danger of head injury from electric shock or burns due to contact with exposed energized parts.

(4) Employees must wear protective equipment for the eyes or face wherever there is danger of injury to the eyes or face from electrical arcs or flashes or from flying objects resulting from electrical explosion.

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WAC 296-307-38006 What requirements apply to general protective equipment and tools?

(1) When working near exposed energized conductors or circuit parts, each employee must use insulated tools or handling equipment if the tools or handling equipment might make contact with such conductors or parts. If the insulating capability of insulated tools or handling equipment is subject to damage, the insulating material must be protected.

(2) Ropes and handlines used near exposed energized parts must be nonconductive.

(3) Protective shields, protective barriers, or insulating materials must be used to protect each employee from shock, burns, or other electrically related injuries while that employee is working near exposed energized parts that might be accidentally contacted or where dangerous electric heating or arcing might occur. When normally enclosed live parts are exposed for maintenance or repair, they must be guarded to protect unqualified persons from contact with the live parts.

(4) Altering techniques must be used to warn and protect employees from hazards that could cause injury due to electric shock, burns, or failure of electric equipment parts.

(5) Safety signs, safety symbols, or accident prevention tags must be used where necessary to warn employees about electrical hazards that may endanger them, as required by WAC 296-307-330.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 49.17.040 RCW. 98-24-096 (Order 98-13), § 296-307-38006, filed 12/01/98, effective 03/01/99. [Recodified as § 296-307-38006. 97-09-013, filed 4/7/97, effective 4/7/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.040, [49.17.]050 and [49.17.]060. 96-22-048, § 296-306A-38006, filed 10/31/96, effective 12/1/96.]

WAC 296-307-38009 What manufacturing and marking requirements apply to electrical protective devices? Insulating blankets, matting, covers, line hose, gloves, and sleeves made of rubber must meet the following manufacture and marking requirements:

(1) Blankets, gloves, and sleeves must be produced by a seamless process.

(2) Each item must be clearly marked as follows:

(a) All classified equipment must be marked with its class number.

(b) Nonozone-resistant equipment other than matting must be marked Type I.

(c) Ozone-resistant equipment other than matting must be marked Type II.

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(d) Other relevant markings, such as the manufacturer's identification and the size of the equipment, may also be provided.

(3) Markings must be nonconducting and shall be applied so they do not impair the insulating qualities of the equipment.

(4) Markings on gloves must be on the cuff.

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WAC 296-307-38012 What electrical requirements apply to electrical protective devices? Insulating blankets, matting, covers, line hose, gloves, and sleeves made of rubber must meet the following electrical requirements:

(1) Equipment must be capable of withstanding the a-c proof-test voltage specified in Table 1 or the d-c proof-test voltage specified in Table 2.

(a) The proof-test must reliably indicate that the equipment can withstand the voltage involved.

(b) The test voltage must be applied continuously for three minutes for equipment other than matting and must be applied continuously for one minute for matting.

(c) Gloves must also be capable of withstanding the a-c proof-test voltage specified in Table 1 after a sixteen-hour water soak.

(2) When the a-c proof-test is used on gloves, the 60 hertz proof-test current must not exceed the values specified in Table 1 at any time during the test period.

(a) If the a-c proof-test is made at a frequency other than 60 hertz, the permissible proof-test current must be computed from the direct ratio of the frequencies.

(b) For the test, gloves (right side out) must be filled with tap water and immersed in water to a depth that is in accordance with Table 3. Water must be added to or removed from the glove, as necessary, so that the water level is the same inside and outside the glove.

(c) After the sixteen-hour water soak, the 60 hertz proof-test current may exceed the values given in Table 1 by not more than 2 milliamperes.

(3) Equipment that has been subjected to a minimum breakdown voltage test must not be used for electrical protection.

(4) Material used for Type II insulating equipment must be capable of withstanding an ozone test, with no visible effects. The ozone test must reliably indicate that the material will resist ozone exposure in actual use. Any visible signs of ozone deterioration of the material, such as checking, cracking, breaks, or pitting, is evidence of failure to meet the requirements for ozone-resistant material.

Note: Rubber insulating equipment meeting the following national consensus standards is considered to be in compliance with WAC 296-307-38009, 296-307-38012, and 296-307-38015:

- *American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) D 120-87, Specification for Rubber Insulating Gloves.*
- *ASTM D 178-93, Specification for Rubber Insulating Matting.*
- *ASTM D 1048-93, Specification for Rubber Insulating Blankets.*

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- *ASTM D 1049-93, Specification for Rubber Insulating Covers.*
- *ASTM D 1050-90, Specification for Rubber Insulating Line Hose.*
- *ASTM D 1051-87, Specification for Rubber Insulating Sleeves.*

These standards contain specifications for conducting the tests required in this section.
[Statutory Authority: Chapter 49.17.040 RCW. 98-24-096 (Order 98-13), § 296-307-38012, filed 12/01/98, effective 03/01/99. [Recodified as § 296-307-38012. 97-09-013, filed 4/7/97, effective 4/7/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.040, [49.17.]050 and [49.17.]060. 96-22-048, § 296-306A-38012, filed 10/31/96, effective 12/1/96.]

WAC 296-307-38015 What workmanship and finish requirements apply to electrical protective devices? Insulating blankets, matting, covers, line hose, gloves, and sleeves made of rubber must meet the following workmanship and finish requirements:

(1) Equipment must be free of harmful physical irregularities that can be detected by the tests or inspections required in WAC 296-307-38012.

(2) Surface irregularities that may be present on all rubber goods because of imperfections on forms or molds or because of inherent difficulties in the manufacturing process and that may appear as indentations, protuberances, or imbedded foreign material are acceptable if:

(a) The indentation or protuberance blends into a smooth slope when the material is stretched.

(b) Foreign material remains in place when the insulating material is folded and stretches with the insulating material surrounding it.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 49.17.040 RCW. 98-24-096 (Order 98-13), § 296-307-38015, filed 12/01/98, effective 03/01/99. [Recodified as § 296-307-38015. 97-09-013, filed 4/7/97, effective 4/7/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 49.17.040, [49.17.]050 and [49.17.]060. 96-22-048, § 296-306A-38015, filed 10/31/96, effective 12/1/96.]

WAC 296-307-38018 How must electrical protective devices be maintained and used?

(1) Electrical protective equipment must be maintained in a safe, reliable condition.

(2) The following specific requirements apply to insulating blankets, covers, line hose, gloves, and sleeves made of rubber:

(a) Maximum use voltages must meet the requirements in Table 4.

(b) Insulating equipment must be inspected for damage before each day's use and immediately following any incident that can reasonably be suspected of having caused damage. Insulating gloves must be given an air test, along with the inspection.

(c) Insulating equipment with any of the following defects must not be used:

(i) A hole, tear, puncture, or cut;

(ii) Ozone cutting or ozone checking (the cutting action produced by ozone on rubber under mechanical stress into a series of interlacing cracks);

(iii) An embedded foreign object;

(iv) Any of the following texture changes: Swelling, softening, hardening, or becoming sticky or inelastic;

(v) Any other defect that damages the insulating properties.

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(d) Insulating equipment found to have other defects that might affect its insulating properties must be removed from service and returned for testing under (h) of this subsection.

(e) Insulating equipment must be cleaned as needed to remove foreign substances.

(f) Insulating equipment must be stored in such a location and in such a manner as to protect it from light, temperature extremes, excessive humidity, ozone, and other injurious substances and conditions.

(g) Protector gloves must be worn over insulating gloves.

(h) Electrical protective equipment must be subjected to periodic electrical tests. Test voltages and the maximum intervals between tests must be according to Table 4 and Table 5.

(i) The test method used must reliably indicate whether the insulating equipment can withstand the voltages involved.

Note: Standard electrical test methods considered as meeting this requirement are given in the following national consensus standards:

- American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) D 120-87, Specification for Rubber Insulating Gloves.
- ASTM D 1048-93, Specification for Rubber Insulating Blankets.
- ASTM D 1049-93, Specification for Rubber Insulating Covers.
- ASTM D 1050-90, Specification for Rubber Insulating Line Hose.
- ASTM D 1051-87, Specification for Rubber Insulating Sleeves.
- ASTM F 478-92, Specification for In-Service Care of Insulating Line Hose and Covers.
- ASTM F 479-88a, Specification for In-Service Care of Insulating Blankets.
- ASTM F 496-93b, Specification for In-Service Care of Insulating Gloves and Sleeves.

(j) Insulating equipment that fails inspections or electrical tests must not be used by employees, except as follows:

(i) Rubber insulating line hose could be used in shorter lengths with the defective portion cut off.

(ii) Rubber insulating blankets could be repaired using a compatible patch that results in physical and electrical properties equal to those of the blanket.

(iii) Rubber insulating blankets could be salvaged by severing the defective area from the undamaged portion of the blanket. The resulting undamaged area must not be smaller than twenty-two inches by twenty-two inches (560 mm by 560 mm) for Class 1, 2, 3, and 4 blankets.

(k) Repaired insulating equipment must be retested before it may be used by employees.

(l) You must certify that equipment has been tested in accordance with the requirements of (h), (i), and (k) of this subsection. The certification must identify the equipment that passed the test and the date it was tested.

Note: This requirement may be met by marking the equipment and entering the results of the tests and the dates of testing onto logs.

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Table 1 A-C Proof-Test Requirements Maximum proof-test current, mA (gloves only)					
Class of equipment	**Proof-test voltage rms V**	**267 mm (10.5 in.) glove**	**356 mm (14 in.) glove**	**406 mm (16 in.) glove**	**457 mm (18 in.) glove**
0	5,000	8	12	14	16
1	10,000		14	16	18
2	20,000		16	18	20
3	30,000		18	20	22
4	40,000			22	24

Table 2 D-C Proof-Test Requirements	
Class of equipment	**Proof-test voltage**
0	20,000
1	40,000
2	50,000
3	60,000
4	70,000
Note: The d-c voltages listed in this table are not appropriate for proof testing rubber insulating line hose or covers. For this equipment, d-c proof-tests shall use a voltage high enough to indicate that the equipment can be safely used at the voltages listed in Table 3. See ASTM D 1050-90 and ASTM D 1049-88 for further information on proof tests for rubber insulating line hose and covers.	

Table 3 Glove Tests-Water Level [1, 2]				
	A-C proof-test		**D-C proof-test**	
Class of glove	**mm.**	**in.**	**mm.**	**in.**
0	38	1.5	38	1.5
1	38	1.5	51	2.0
2	64	2.5	76	3.0
3	89	3.5	102	4.0
4	127	5.0	153	6.0

[1] The water level is given as the clearance from the cuff of the glove to the water line, with a tolerance of 13 mm. (0.5 in.).

[2] If atmospheric conditions make the specified clearances impractical, the clearances may be increased by a maximum of 25 mm. (1 in.).

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Table 4 Rubber Insulating Equipment Voltage Requirements			
Class of equipment	**Maximum use voltage[1] a-c-rms**	**Retest voltage [2] a-c-rms**	**Retest voltage [2] d-c-rms**
0	1,000	5,000	20,000
1	7,500	10,000	40,000
2	17,000	20,000	50,000
3	26,500	30,000	60,000
4	36,000	40,000	70,000

Note: Rubber gloves shall only be used on voltages of 5,000 volts phase to phase or less.

[1] The maximum use voltage is the a-c voltage (rms) classification of the protective equipment that designates the maximum nominal design/voltage of the energized system that may be safely worked. The nominal design voltage is equal to the phase-to-phase voltage on multiphase circuits. However, the phase-to-ground potential is considered to be the nominal design/voltage:
(a) If the is no multiphase exposure in a system area and if the voltage exposure is limited to the phase-to-ground potential, or
(b) If the electrical equipment and devices are insulated or isolated or both so that the multiphase exposure on a grounded wye circuit is removed.

[2] The proof-test voltage shall be applied continuously for at least one minute, but no more than three minutes.

Table 5 Rubber Insulating Equipment Test Intervals	
Type of equipment	**When to test**
Rubber insulating line hose	Upon indication that insulating value is suspect
Rubber insulating covers	Upon indication that insulating value is suspect
Rubber insulating blankets	Before first issue and every 12 months thereafter
Rubber insulating gloves	Before first issue and every 6 months thereafter
Rubber insulating sleeves	Before first issue and every 12 months thereafter

(3) Where switches or fuses of more than 150 volts to ground are not guarded during ordinary operations, suitable insulating floors, mats or platforms must be provided on which the operator must stand while handling the switches.

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